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Take immediate action against hate speech: SC

Don't wait for a complaint to be filed, says Bench and warns that any 'hesitation' to comply with the direction will attract contempt of court proceedings against erring officers

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Where have we reached? What have we reduced religion to? It is tragic... and we speak of scientific temper

JUSTICE K.M. JOSEPH
Supreme Court

Very shocking statements have been made in a country that has to be religion-neutral

JUSTICE HRISHIKESH ROY
Supreme Court

The Supreme Court on Friday said it is "tragic what we have reduced religion to" in the 21st century and a "climate of hate prevails in the country", while directing the police and authorities to immediately and *suo motu* register cases against hate speech makers without waiting for a complaint to be filed.

A Bench of Justices K.M. Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy ordered that any "hesitation" to comply with the direction would attract the proceedings for contempt of the Supreme Court against the erring officers.

The court directed that first information reports (FIRs) should be registered and criminal proceedings initiated against the makers of hate speech "irrespective of their religion so that the secular character of the country is preserved".

The interim directions were primarily for the benefit of the police of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The court issued notices to the three States and asked their police chiefs to submit reports on action taken on hate speech cases.

"We are deeply, deeply obliged," senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for petitioner Shaheen Abdulla, reacted to the order.

"We are doing far too little," Justice Joseph replied.

"At least somebody has listened," Mr. Sibal said.

Loud and clear

"We have to... it is our duty. If we don't, it is plain abdication of duty, nothing else to that... Otherwise, what will happen after sometime," Justice Joseph told Mr. Sibal.

The Bench heard the case beyond court hours and ensured that the order was ready and read out loudly in open court.

The petitioner, also represented by advocate Nizam Pasha, had highlighted the rising incidents of hate speeches targeting the Muslim community.

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Pakistan is out of FATF 'grey list' on terror funding

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Four years after it was placed on the 'grey list' and penalised with severe financial strictures by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Pakistan won a major reprieve on Friday, as the international watchdog on terror financing and money laundering agreed to remove Pakistan's name from the list of countries under 'increased monitoring'.

Reacting to the decision, the Ministry of External Affairs said that Pakistan must continue to take "credible, verifiable, irreversible and sustainable" action against terror groups on its soil.

FATF said Pakistan had completed two action plans comprising a 34-point tasklist since 2018.

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Imran Khan barred from elections over corruption charges

Support base: Police using teargas to disperse a protest by Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party in Islamabad on Friday. AFP

Agence France-Presse
ISLAMABAD

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan was disqualified on Friday from running for political office for five years, after the election commission ruled he misled officials about gifts he got from foreign leaders while in power.

The decision is the latest twist in political wrangling that began even before Mr. Khan's April ouster, and is one of several legal battles being fought by him and his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party.

His supporters attacked vehicles as they left the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) headquarters after the ruling. "The ECP has declared Imran Khan was involved in corrupt practices," said Gohar Khan, one of his lawyers. "We will challenge it in the High Court right now."

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Tentative timetable for II PU exam out

BENGALURU
The Department of Pre-University Education announced the tentative timetable for the II PU exam on Friday, according to which it will be conducted from March 10 to March 29, 2023. The exam will be held from 10.15 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Any objections to the timetable may be submitted to the department e-mail: jdexam.dpue@gmail.com by November 21, 2022.

Whitefield metro trial run begins

BENGALURU
The trial run on the Baiyyappanahalli-Whitefield stretch of the Purple Line of Namma Metro was carried out on Friday.

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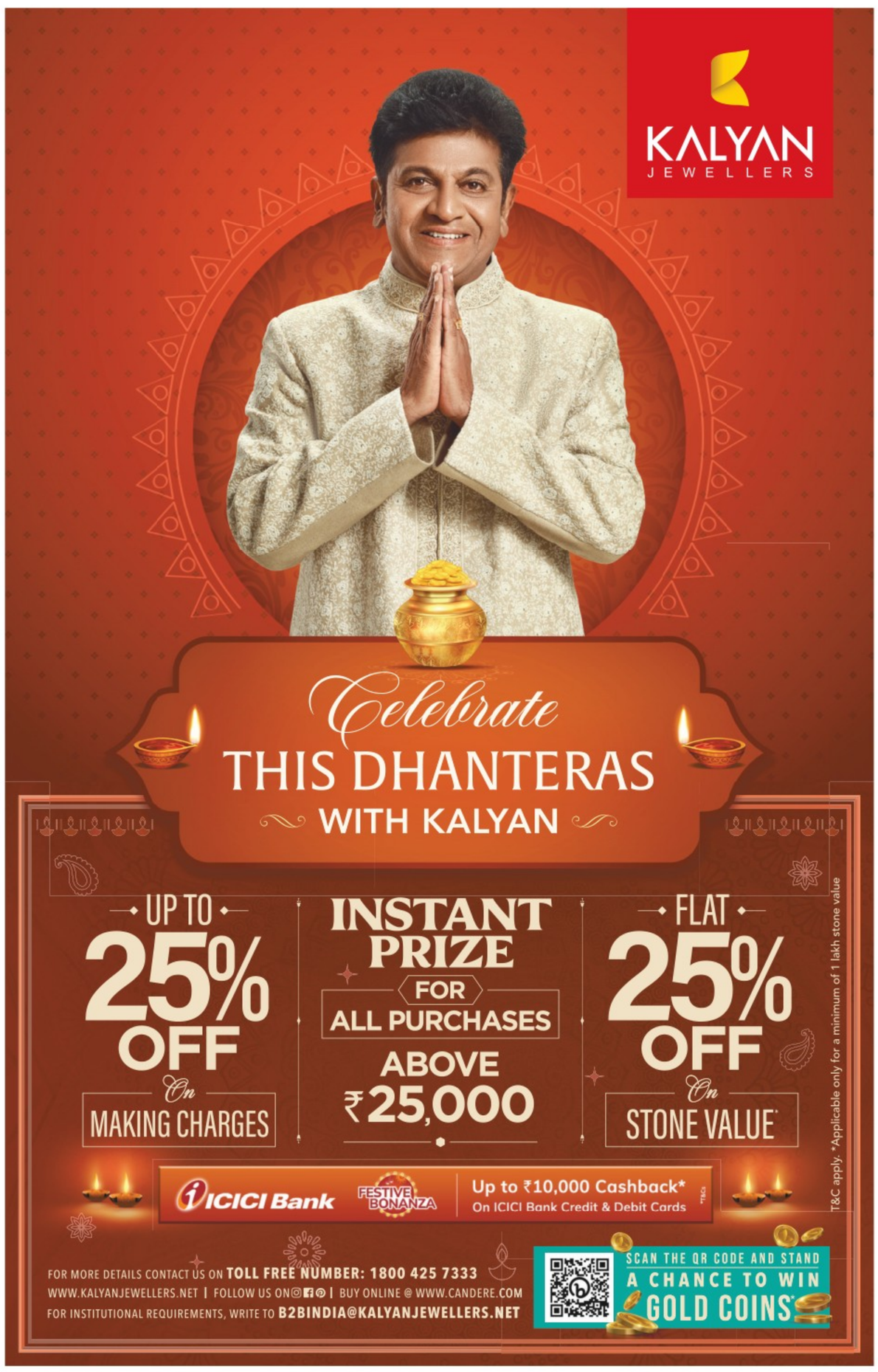

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From role player to leading man

After emerging from Cristiano Ronaldo's shadow, Karim Benzema has transformed into Real Madrid's talisman. A playmaking sharpshooter who has improved with age, the 34-year-old winner of the Ballon d'Or is among the most complete elite footballers in the modern game

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

Carlo Ancelotti is a connoisseur of life's finer pleasures — delectable meals, slow-matured drinks, triumphal cigars — and so when a footballer puts the Real Madrid manager in mind of such fond indulgences, you can be sure it's a truly special talent.

Ancelotti, reflecting earlier this year on the phenomenal standards Karim Benzema was setting, compared him to an exquisite wine that improves with age. The 34-year-old striker (he turns 35 the day after the World Cup final in December) illustrated the truth of the compliment this week, becoming the oldest winner of the Ballon d'Or since England's Stanley Matthews back in 1956.

It has been a remarkable journey for Benzema, who was just 21 when he joined Real Madrid from Lyon in 2009. During his early years, he was criticised in the Spanish capital for not making the most of his talent; there was a suspicion that he did not have the killer instinct.

But his skill and adaptability helped him overcome the hurdles and fit into the roles various managers demanded of him — first as a decoy and feeder for Cristiano Ronaldo, and then as an integral part of the BBC trio, in which Benzema's vision and selfless movement made sharpshooters Gareth Bale and Ronaldo even more deadly.

> I never surrendered. I was lucky to join Real, the best club in the world, and even if it was hard at the beginning, I stayed focused. I've worked on my mental strength, I've been courageous and determined
>
> **KARIM BENZEMA**

Coming into his own

The Frenchman truly came into his own, however, after Ronaldo's departure for Juventus in 2018, when Benzema was 30. Emerging from the Portuguese superstar's outsized shadow, Benzema has become Real's figurehead, having played the lead role in two La Liga triumphs and a Champions League victory in four post-Ronaldo seasons.

What sparked the transformation? Merely the knowledge that he was now the main man?

"He's a player who has a lot more responsibility, he feels much more of a leader," Ancelotti said of his club captain. "His quality has not changed, it's the same as it was eight years ago. But his responsibility to the team has changed. He feels more important in the team. This is what makes the difference in him, this personality."

Zinedine Zidane, one of Benzema's idols and under whom he really flowered at Madrid, had another explanation. Always a fan of the forward's natural ability and intelligence, Zidane felt a focus on the physical side of things and the experience of top-level football had helped Benzema take his game to another level.

A nose for rhythm

"I would say Benzema until 30, I think he had two or three kilos too many," Zidane said. "Now he's a real athlete, and that's why he is one of the two or three best strikers in the world. He smells the rhythm of the game like nobody else, and something interesting we see across Europe is the oldest strikers are the most efficient... because they use every mistake of the opponent. Everything he does is intelligent. He slows down to accelerate, he accelerates and slows down."

Benzema, for his part, said his ambition has increased with age and a change of roles.

"What has changed since I turned 30 is ambition," Benzema said at the Ballon d'Or ceremony in Paris. "Ambition really entered my head after that. Ambition means working harder and being a leader for my team. When I was 21, or 22, I didn't have the same ambition I have today."

In an interview with *France Football*, Benzema said, "When Ronaldo played for Real Madrid, he scored between 50 and 60 goals a year. So, you have to adapt to this reality. I had to move more on the pitch, give him space. When he left, what changed was that it was my turn to take over, score goals and provide assists to my other team-mates."

In terms of goals, Benzema's output has risen significantly since Ronaldo's exit. He scored 192 goals in 412 games in major competitions for Real between 2009-10 and 2017-18. Since then, he has netted 137 times in just 204 games. It has helped, no doubt, that he gets to take penalties now; to offer a sense of how that can contribute to the overall health of a striker's numbers, consider that Ronaldo scored an average of eight penalties per season in his nine years at Real.

Last season, which won Benzema the Ballon d'Or, saw him score 44 goals in 46 games, including 27 in LaLiga and 15 in the Champions League, both competition-leading numbers. His record in the knockout rounds of Europe's premier competition was that of a clutch player.

Benzema scored a stunning hat-trick in 17 second-half minutes in the spectacular last-16 comeback win over Paris Saint-Germain, and another away to Chelsea in the quarterfinal first leg. It was also his extra-time goal in the return leg of that tie that nipped a Chelsea comeback in the bud, and he scored three more over both legs of the semifinal against Manchester City, including an extra-time spot-kick in the return leg which secured Real's spot in the final.

> His quality has not changed, it's the same as it was eight years ago. But his responsibility to the team has changed, and his attitude. He feels more important in the team
>
> **CARLO ANCELOTTI**
> Real Madrid manager

Such has been Benzema's influence on Real's fortunes in recent years that club president Florentino Perez compared him to two of Madrid's most luminous Galacticos. "He's been the best player for the last three or four years," Perez said. "He's a number nine that's a mix of Ronaldo Nazario and Zinedine Zidane. He does two jobs at once, pulling the strings in attack like Zidane and he shoots like Ronaldo did."

Selfless on the pitch

As a playmaking killer in front of goal, Benzema is one of world football's most complete players. His selfless work for the team and belief that football isn't an individual sport — a point he made when collecting the Ballon d'Or, a trophy for the 'best' individual — make him a dream for managers; there is a reason his position was secure despite the managerial churn at Real.

But Benzema isn't as unproblematic off the field. He was frozen out of the French national team for five and a half years because of his involvement in a blackmail scandal over a sextape involving teammate Mathieu Valbuena. He was later handed a one-year suspended prison sentence and a fine of 75,000 euros.

But the 34-year-old, who has made a comeback with the national team, wants to put the episode behind him and focus on the World Cup, which begins next month. "I don't want to dwell on my failures," he said. "They just give me more mental strength. I have no regrets. What happened, happened, but what matters is what is happening today. My goal is to continue to enjoy playing football, to score and make my teammates score. The World Cup is the next challenge."

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,730	17
2	Rafael Nadal	36	5,810	11
3	Casper Ruud	23	5,600	23
4	Daniil Medvedev	26	5,155	20
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	4,930	22
6	Alexander Zverev	25	4,860	19
7	Novak Djokovic	35	4,320	13
8	Andrey Rublev	24	3,685	24
9	Taylor Fritz	24	3,195	22
10	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,155	25
11	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,085	21
12	Jannik Sinner	21	2,950	21
13	Marin Cilic	34	2,540	21
14	Cameron Norrie	27	2,490	23
15	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,360	23

Top Indians ▶

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 266 ▲ 8 spots

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 343 ▲ 13 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	10,835	17
2	Ons Jabeur	28	4,555	18
3	Anett Kontaveit	26	3,796	19
4	Aryna Sabalenka	24	3,515	21
5	Jessica Pegula	28	3,417	16
6	Maria Sakkari	27	3,346	22
7	Coco Gauff	18	3,082	17
8	Paula Badosa	24	3,010	24
9	Simona Halep	31	2,960	19
10	Caroline Garcia	29	2,924	21
11	Daria Kasatkina	25	2,885	22
12	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,606	21
13	Garbine Muguruza	29	2,397	19
14	Belinda Bencic	25	2,360	18
15	Madison Keys	27	2,313	19

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 284 ▼ 5 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 308 ▲ 11 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	366	12
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	253	2
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	252	3
4	George Russell	Mercedes	207	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	202	1
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	180	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	101	0
8	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	78	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	65	0
10	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	46	0
11	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	32	0
12	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	29	0
13	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	23	0
14	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	22	0
15	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	13	0
16	Mick Schumacher	Haas	12	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	11	0
18	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	6	0
19	Alex Albon	Williams	4	0
20	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	2	0
21	Nyck de Vries	Williams	2	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins	Podiums
1	Red Bull	619	14	23
2	Ferrari	454	4	17
3	Mercedes	387	0	13
4	Alpine	143	0	0
5	McLaren	130	0	1
6	Alfa Romeo	52	0	0
7	Aston Martin	45	0	0
8	Haas	34	0	0
9	AlphaTauri	34	0	0
10	Williams	8	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	122,606	27
2	Anders Antonsen	92,600	23
3	Lee Zii Jia	91,578	27
4	Chou Tien Chen	89,576	25
5	Loh Kean Yew	81,594	22
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	77,599	22
7	Jonatan Christie	76,912	23
8	Lakshya Sen	75,574	24
9	Kento Momota	72,304	18
10	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	69,699	24
11	K. Srikanth	66,811	29
12	Rasmus Gemke	65,791	23
13	H.S. Prannoy	64,330	25
14	Ng Ka Long Angus	62,467	21
15	Kanta Tsuneyama	62,068	15

Top Indians ▶

Lakshya Sen
Rank 8

K. Srikanth
Rank 11

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Akane Yamaguchi	112,013	21
2	Tai Tzu Ying	108,045	17
3	An Se Young	103,553	26
4	Chen Yu Fei	96,406	16
5	Carolina Marin	92,430	15
6	P.V. Sindhu	87,218	27
7	Ratchanok Intanon	82,949	24
8	Pornpawee Chochuwong	77,865	27
9	He Bing Jiao	77,684	19
10	Nozomi Okuhara	76,400	11
11	Wang Zhi Yi	70,918	18
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	70,244	31
13	Michelle Li	64,410	25
14	Sayaka Takahashi	60,263	16
15	Mia Blichfeldt	57,279	19

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 6

Saina Nehwal
Rank 32

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	887	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Babar Azam	879	879
4	Steve Smith	848	947
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Usman Khawaja	766	779
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	719	772

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Pat Cummins	891	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Shaheen Afridi	828	836
4	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
5	James Anderson	825	903
6	Kagiso Rabada	799	902
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Mitchell Starc	739	806

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	890	898
2	Imam-ul-Haq	779	815
3	R. van der Dussen	766	796
4	Quinton de Kock	759	813
5	Jonny Bairstow	732	796
6	David Warner	725	880
7	Virat Kohli	722	911
8	Rohit Sharma	718	885
9	Ross Taylor	701	841
10	Steve Smith	697	752

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Trent Boult	775	775
2	Josh Hazlewood	718	733
3	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
4	Shaheen Afridi	661	688
5	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
6	Mehedi Hasan	655	725
7	Matt Henry	654	691
8	Mitchell Starc	653	783
9	Rashid Khan	651	806
10	Jasprit Bumrah	642	841

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Mohammad Rizwan	861	875
2	Suryakumar Yadav	838	854
3	Babar Azam	808	896
4	Aiden Markram	777	796
5	Devon Conway	773	791
6	Dawid Malan	765	915
7	Aaron Finch	688	900
8	Pathum Nissanka	681	698
9	Muhammad Waseem	612	703
10	Glenn Phillips	611	611

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	705	806
2	Rashid Khan	696	816
3	Wanindu Hasaranga	692	797
4	Tabraiz Shamsi	688	821
5	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	677	745
6	Maheesh Theekshana	674	680
7	Adam Zampa	672	743
8	Keshav Maharaj	662	662
9	Adil Rashid	660	746
10	Akeal Hosein	647	681

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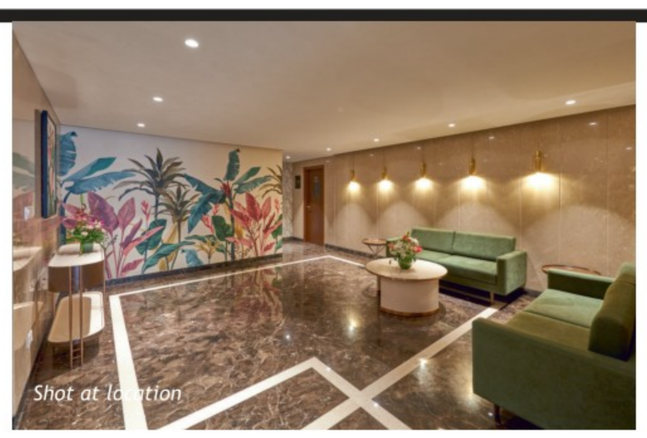

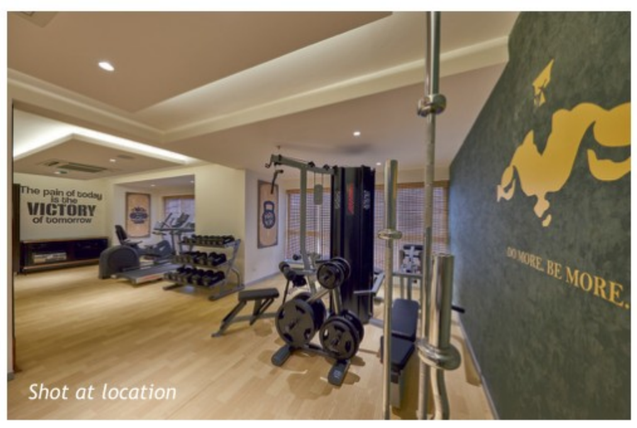

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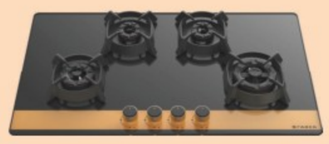

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‘New Zealand, South Africa, India and Australia are my top four’

Former South Africa all-rounder Chris Morris picks his semifinalists for the T20 World Cup in this interview. He also talks about his time in the IPL, his favourite quick bowlers, the depth of talent in India and South Africa, and his new role as a commentator

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INTERVIEW

Chris Morris

P.K. Ajith Kumar

A year after becoming the most expensive buy in IPL auction history, Chris Morris announced his retirement from all forms of cricket in January. The South African all-rounder was often in demand in the world’s most prestigious T20 league, right from the time he started his IPL career with Chennai Super Kings in 2013.

Having also played for Rajasthan Royals, Royal Challengers Bangalore and Delhi Capitals (Daredevils), India has been a big part of Morris’ life. Recently, he returned to the country in a new role. He was a commentator for the ODI series between India and South Africa. He spoke to *The Hindu* in Ranchi. Excerpts:

How is life after retirement?
It has been quiet. I switched off my phone, went off the radar, stayed away from social media, and spent time at home. I have a young family. That was one of the reasons why I quit cricket, I wanted to spend time with my family. I was mentally and physically ready to quit. I have a six- month-old and a five-year-old. I missed quite a lot of development of my first one. I don’t miss the game at all, which is a good sign. I don’t miss anything about the game. I still love cricket. I watch the game.

You have done a bit of coaching...
I coached only till the end of the [South African] season. Our coaches [at Titans] needed a little bit of assistance with the bowlers. I offered my assistance. And I enjoyed it.

> [Bumrah] is a massive loss [for India]. He is the best in the world in white-ball cricket in my opinion. But there is one thing that India never struggles with and that is depth

How did you find the experience?
All of a sudden I felt sorry for my bowling coaches. I understood what they had to go through. We were lucky at Titans that we had a very young group of fast-bowlers and spinners. It was easy to work with them. I did find that it was a lot harder than being a player, because you have to spend more time on the ground. As a player, you arrive and leave.

Which teams would be your top four at the T20 World Cup in Australia?
It is never easy to call. New Zealand are such good World Cup performers. India are always there. Australia have been playing well. South Africa are going to do really well. Yes, South Africa have had a couple of injuries but they are hitting their straps with the right combinations and the right players coming in. There is always one team that surprises. Afghanistan, Bangladesh... you never know who it is going to be. To call the top four now would be difficult. For instance, England are an unbelievable side. It is such a cut-throat thing. And it’s a very difficult format. New Zealand, South Africa, India and Australia are my top four.

How much will India miss Jasprit Bumrah at the World Cup?
He is a massive loss. He is Boom Boom for a reason. He is the best in the world in white-ball cricket in my opinion. But there is one thing that India never struggles with and that is depth.

Talking of depth in India’s pace bowling, who are the young bowlers that have impressed you?
Deepak Chahar is very good; if there is any swing on offer, he is probably the best in the world. I have got a very soft spot for *Mian* [Mohammed] Siraj. The term I have for him is rogue. And rogue is a good word in a T20 game. He is going to come and give it to you. I like Avesh Khan, too. I like the fact that he is tall and runs in quite aggressively. Lord [Shardul] Thakur is an unbelievable cricketer – what he offers with the bat, what he offers with the ball, and in fielding. And there’s also the passion with which he plays. He is very intelligent and never backs down. India have got a lot of good headaches [when it comes to the selection], but good headaches.

Which fast-bowlers have you looked up to?
Allan Donald was my hero. Then there were Curtly Ambrose and Shaun Pollock. These three guys I absolutely loved. Fast-bowling is the toughest job in cricket. Fast-bowlers are the engine room of a team. But no one comes to watch the quickest bowlers. They come to watch people hitting fours and sixes.

Who are the fast-bowlers you enjoy watching at the moment?
Kagiso Rabada in full flight is gorgeous to watch. Josh Hazlewood is incredible to watch; he has become such a good T20 bowler. Mitchell Starc is one of the best.

Isn’t it a pity that Jofra Archer is struggling with injuries?
It is a shame to see that he is injured. Jofra was an absolute delight to watch. He is a complete package. Everyone would love Jofra to come back and play. I hope he does soon.

Your thoughts on the South African team?
South Africa has never struggled with batting; the only struggle has been with consistency in the selection in my opinion. You have to find out which batter has to bat where.

How do you look back at your time in the IPL?
I have several fond memories about the IPL. It is the biggest league in the world. You are playing the best in the world, day in, day out. All the eyes are on you. As a cricketer you want people to watch you. People talk about its financial rewards but that is a completely separate story. But the IPL is actually more about the quality of the cricket. Show me one cricketer who doesn’t want to play in the IPL and I will tell him he is a liar.

South Africa is all set to begin its own T20 franchise league...
That will improve cricket back home. There is a lot of depth in South African cricket. What I like about our depth is that it is a young depth. The guys coming through the system are young.

How do you find your new role – as a commentator?
Commentating has been nerve-wracking. In my first stint the other night, I don’t think I finished my first sentence once; I was so nervous. Slowly but surely I am getting into the commentary thing. It is a different thing to learn. You learn about your cue, you know when to talk and when not to talk. It is very cool to share the mike with someone like Sunil Gavaskar. Everyone calls him Sunny *ji*, I call him Mr. Gavaskar. I am very humbled and privileged.

Who are the commentators you have enjoyed listening to?
I loved listening to Tony Greig. And I loved Channel 9. Sky Sports is my favourite commentary team – David Gower, Nasser Hussain, Michael Atherton and Bumble [David Lloyd]. Pommie Mbangwa is another favourite. And I grew up in front of Mike Haysman [whom I shared the mike with for the broadcast of this series]. He had played with my dad [Willie Morris]. And he is an excellent commentator.

GAME THEORY

ATP No. 1s by country

Carlos Alcaraz is the fourth Spaniard to be ranked No. 1 by the ATP since its computerised system was introduced in 1973. Only the United States has produced more male World No. 1s

Country	World No. 1s produced	Total
United States	Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Jim Courier, Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, Andy Roddick	6
Spain	Carlos Moya, Juan Carlos Ferrero, Rafael Nadal, Carlos Alcaraz	4
Sweden	Bjorn Borg, Mats Wilander, Stefan Edberg	3
Australia	John Newcombe, Patrick Rafter, Lleyton Hewitt	3
Russia	Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Marat Safin, Daniil Medvedev	3
Romania	Ilie Nastase	1
Czech Republic	Ivan Lendl	1
Germany	Boris Becker	1
Austria	Thomas Muster	1
Chile	Marcelo Rios	1
Brazil	Gustavo Kuerten	1
Switzerland	Roger Federer	1
United Kingdom	Andy Murray	1
Serbia	Novak Djokovic	1

Youngest No.1s: Alcaraz is also the only teenager to scale the men’s rankings peak

Player	Age when No. 1 was first achieved
Carlos Alcaraz	19 years, 4 months
Lleyton Hewitt	20 years, 8 months
Marat Safin	20 years, 9 months
John McEnroe	21 years
Andy Roddick	21 years, 2 months
Bjorn Borg	21 years, 2 months

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Rustic, classic, iconic

Riders in the British Superbike Championship enter Graham Hill bend at the iconic Brands Hatch circuit in this photograph taken last weekend.

The British Superbike Championship is one of three big-ticket events that visit Brands Hatch; the others are the GT World Challenge Europe and the British Touring Car Championship.

Dubbed ‘Britain’s best-loved motor racing circuit’ and rated by racers as one of the finest driver’s tracks, Brands Hatch is both classic and unique.

It still retains the charm of its rustic beginning nearly 100 years ago, as a grasstrack circuit on farmland, featuring as it does an almost rough-hewn combination of dips, cambers, hair-raising corners and hills in a natural amphitheatre.

Its association with Formula One — it hosted 12 editions of the British Grand Prix between 1964 and 1986 — also gave the Kent circuit global fame.

But Brands Hatch is unlikely to regain its mainstream popularity. A stumbling block, according to Sky Sports, are “the noise restrictions in place to appease local residents”. Access is another issue — the single carriageway roads leading to the circuit make hosting a modern-day F1 race a logistical nightmare.

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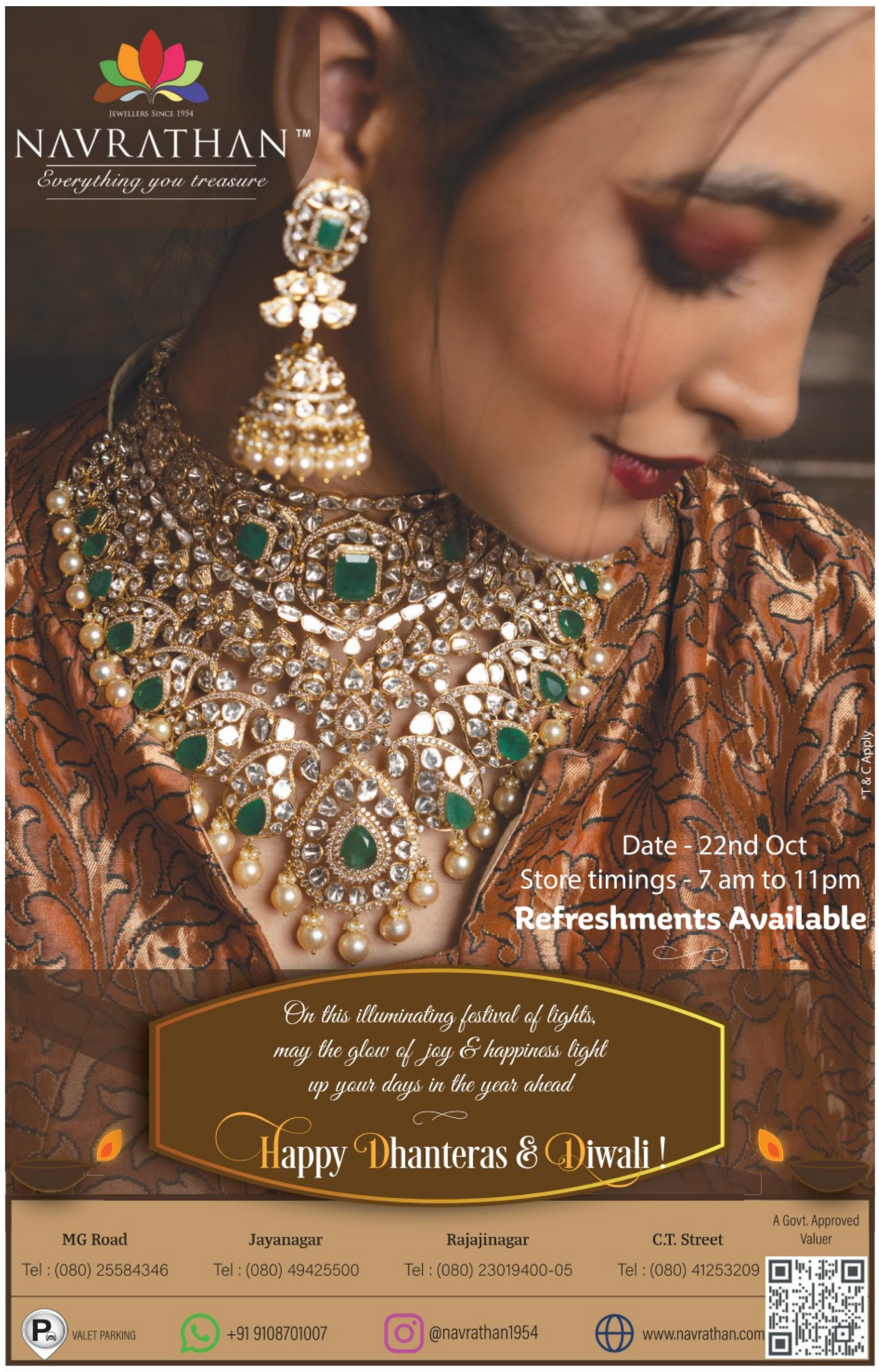

Nursing conclave today

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To mark the World Stroke Day, Bangalore Stroke Support Group jointly with Karnataka Stroke Foundation will be organising Bangalore Stroke Nursing conclave on Saturday.

According to a press release, as many as 500 nurses and over 90 faculty members from major hospitals in Bengaluru will participate in it and share their knowledge.

The programme will be held at Bangalore Medical College Main Auditorium.

KSIIDC contributes ₹2.5 cr. to CM's Relief Fund

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Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (KSIIDC) on Thursday paid ₹2.5 crore to Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

According to a KSIIDC press release, its Chairman Dr. Shailendra K. Beldale handed over the cheque to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Housing and Infrastructure Development Minister V. Somanna. Ministers Dr. K. Sudhakar and Muniratna and Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation officials were present on the occasion, the release stated.

BEML bags Raksha Mantri award

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Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), a Public Sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, on Thursday received the Raksha Mantri award for Excellence - Raksha Srijan Ratn' 2021-22 at a special function held at DefExpo 2022 in Gandhinagar in Gujarat.

The award was bestowed on it in the category of Indigenisation / Import Substitution under Large-scale Enterprise.

According to a release, Amit Banerjee, Chairman and Managing Director, BEML, received the award from Rajnath Singh, Union Defence Minister in the presence of Ajay Bhatt, Minister of State for Defence, Lt. Gen. R.K. Malhotra, Director General (DGQA), and A.K. Srivastav, Director (Defence Business) BEML.

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INBRIEF

Nigerian national arrested for drug peddling

A Nigerian national was arrested for allegedly peddling drugs and 200 grams of MDMA crystals worth ₹25 lakh were seized from him in K.R. Puram.

The arrested has been identified as Harely Okenkowa, who had come on a business visa and was with valid documents in the city. He was buying MDMA crystals from another Nigerian national in the city for a cheap price and selling it to his clientele in the city. Anti-Narcotics Wing of the Central Crime Branch is now on the hunt for the other Nigerian national, who sold the narcotics to the arrested man.

No power interruptions during Deepavali: Bescom

The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) on Friday announced that there will be no power cuts during the festival days of Deepavali in all the eight districts under its jurisdiction. Mahantesh Bilagi, Managing Director, has also instructed the officials to not take up any electric repair work or line clearance work until the festival is over.

There will be no power interruptions in all the villages, towns, and cities within the Bescom jurisdiction, said a press release. The MD has also instructed the officials that if any interruptions are found in power supply, then immediate action must be taken to fix them and restore power.

Much-awaited trial run on Whitefield section of Namma metro begins

Trial run was carried out on 3.5-km stretch between Whitefield depot and Pattandur Agrahara; the opening of this line is expected to help lakhs of people living in residential areas in Whitefield

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The train for the trial run being readied, in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The eagerly anticipated trial run on the Baiyyappanahalli-Whitefield stretch of the Purple Line of Namma Metro in Bengaluru was carried out by the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) on Friday, October 21.

According to BMRCL, the trial run was carried out on the 3.5-km stretch between Whitefield depot unloading line and Pantandur Agrahara (ITPL).

Last week, Namma Metro had transported coaches from Baiyyappanahalli to Whitefield depot. Also, senior officials from various departments had carried out a motor trolley inspection of the rail infrastructure from Whitefield to Garudacharpalya metro stations.

The trial was scheduled for September, but was pushed to October following incessant rain that posed a hurdle to completion of the pending work on the extended Purple Line, especially construction of the Whitefield depot. The 15-km line up to Whitefield is an extension of the Kengeri-Baiyyappanahalli Purple Line, which is operational. The opening of this line is expected to help lakhs of people living in various residential areas in Whitefield. Once the entire Purple Line is operational, people would be able to travel from Kengeri, in the western part of the city, to Whitefield in the eastern end.

The BMRCL began work on this stretch, where 13 stations have come up, in 2016-17. It missed multiple deadlines owing to factors such as delay in acquiring land, changes in alignment, especially near Tin Factory, to accommodate the ORR-airport line, the Covid-19 pandemic, and a steep rise in steel price owing to the Russia-Ukraine war.

Cases filed over delay in clearance of files, delivery of services

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Karnataka Lokayukta has registered nine suo motu cases over delay in clearing files and delivery of services to members of public. Nine teams of Lokayukta conducted inspections at the offices of DC, Bengaluru (Urban), various tahsildar offices and other offices under their jurisdictions until September 29.

These inspection teams have recently submitted their reports to Lokayukta. Inspection found that there was a maximum number of cases pending before the DC's court and in many of these cases, the next date of hearing have also not been assigned and cases have piled up. Inspections also found Sakaala applications pending for a long time beyond the prescribed time limit.

Lokayukta B.S. Patil has ordered nine cases in connection with nine inspections held and issued all officers concerned notices, directing them to submit their responses by December 21.

Man arrested for impersonating noted gynaecologist

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Cybercrime police arrested a person, identified as Jagadeesh, for allegedly opening and running a fake Facebook account in the name of noted gynaecologist Dr. Padmini Prasad and harassing women who approached the person with their personal problems, thinking the profile was indeed that of Dr. Prasad.

Dr. Prasad had recently lodged a complaint with the cybercrime police alleging there were several fake accounts created on Facebook in her name and harassing many women online. The person, now arrested, was running one such account in Dr. Prasad's name.

Given that Dr. Prasad is a noted gynaecologist, many people approached the profile with their sexual problems and only got back indecent, sexually abusive messages, videos and audios in return. Notified of this, Dr. Prasad lodged a complaint, probing which cybercrime police arrested Jagadish and recovered the mobile he was using to run this fake account. Police said that there are many more Facebook accounts in Dr. Prasad's name. Probe is under way to check whether the same person was running those accounts too.

Three of a family set themselves on fire

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In a ghastly incident, a family of three succumbed to death after they set themselves ablaze in a suspected suicide pact at their residence in HSR Layout on Friday morning.

The deceased have been identified as Santosh Kumar, 54, his wife Oman Santosh, 50, and their daughter Sanusha, 17. The family hails from Kerala and had been living in the city for over a decade now. The family had shifted to the house three months ago on rent, police said.

On Friday morning, around 5:45 a.m., there was dense smoke billowing out from the house prompting their neighbours to rush to their rescue. Unable to break in, they called Fire and Emergency Services. By the time fire tenders rushed to the spot, broke open the door and went in, all three were charred to death. Fire personnel suspect that the family has poured kerosene over themselves and set themselves ablaze and that it was not a fire accident, police said. Preliminary investigations have revealed that Santosh Kumar had recently started an industrial unit, manufacturing spare parts of machine tools which had run into losses. He was caught in a debt trap and was under severe pressure to repay his loans.

HSR Layout Police have now booked a case of abettment to suicide under Section 306 of IPC against unidentified individuals.

(Those in distress or those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph.: 104 for help.)

TBM Avni makes final breakthrough at Vellara station after 8 months

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Namma Metro's tunnel boring machine (TBM) Avni achieved its final breakthrough at Rashtriya Military School (Vellara) station on Friday after eight months.

It had started its second drive on March 4 this year from M.G. Road, according to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) officials. The first drive was started on October 13, 2020, from Shivajinagar, and ended at M.G. Road station on January 6, 2022, after tunnelling 1,085 meters.

"The second drive ended at Rashtriya Military School (Vellara) station at 3 p.m., on Friday after tunnelling 1,131 meters. It took 230 days to complete the work," BMRCL said in a release. "This feat was achieved after tunneling through the complex geological conditions and two long drives," BMRCL added.

BMRCL had deployed nine TBMs for the underground section of the Pink Line from Kalena Agrahara station on Bannerghatta road in the south with Nagawara station. Urja was the first to achieve a breakthrough last year.

Road to Nandi statue caves in

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Torrential rains over the past few days have damaged the road leading to Nandi statue on Chamundi Hills. A portion of the road caved in near the viewpoint on Thursday night.

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ED raids 5 premises linked to Chinese loan apps, seizes ₹78 crore

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) conducted search and seizure operations on five premises linked to Chinese loan apps in Bengaluru on Wednesday. ED, in a statement, said ₹78 crore has been seized in merchant IDs and bank accounts of the firms raided.

This is in continuation of similar raids on Chinese loan apps in Bengaluru, based on 18 FIRs registered by Bengaluru cybercrime police on these apps, on September 3, wherein the ED had seized ₹17 crore in accounts of these firms. With the seizures made on Wednesday, the total seizure now stands at ₹95 crore. "During the investigation, it emerged that these entities are controlled/operated by Chinese nationals. The modus operandi of these entities is using forged documents of Indians and making these Indians dummy directors and generating proceeds of the crime.

It has come to notice that the entities were doing illegal business through various merchant IDs/accounts held with payment gateways/banks.

During the search operation at Razorpay Pvt Ltd., it was noticed that the said entities were generating proceeds of crime through various merchant accounts held with payment gateways/banks and they have submitted fake addresses in KYC documents," ED said.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. 09/CWM-UBLS/2022-23
Dated: 13-10-2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
"Loading transportation and incineration of 240-MT Oil /Paint soaked cotton and other hazardous waste through authorized hazardous waste cycler approved by KSPCB" from Carriage Repair Workshop, Hubballi.	Rs. 40,79,796/-

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 04-11-2022
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Assistant Workshop Manager
Carriage Repair Workshop, Hubballi
PUB/433/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23
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Provision of signalling arrangements in connection with interlocking of 10 LC gates over Bengaluru Division (7 LC gates) - Electrical Arrangements (LC Nos.- 31, 34, 46, 50, 24, 66 & 75) and proposed high level platform for a length of 450 Mtrs. (on Road No.4) at Mulanur Station in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Bangarapet Sub Division - Electrical works.	Rs. 18,55,585/-

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 07-11-2022
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Bengaluru
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This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Smt.Jayashree** or her nominee are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Sri.RAMACHANDRAPPA and Others** (legal heirs of Late. Muniyappa); any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.
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2.	CSSD/GOC	28/10/22	
3.	MAS Division	31/10/22	
4.	SA Division	31/10/22	
5.	TVC Division	31/10/22	
6.	PGT Division	31/10/22	

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I, PONNANA N S , S/o Service No. 13897285A, Rank: Late Naik, Name: N T Subbaiah, R/a No.2342, 16th Main, 2nd B Cross, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560008 have changed my name to Pancham Ponnanna N S vide affidavit dt: 20.10.2022 sworn before Notary H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, B'lore.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Padmakumar Pt R/o No.39, Kempegowda Layout, Kattigenahalli, Yelahanka , Bangalore -560064 have changed my minor daughter's name from Adria to Adria Padmakumar for all purposes.

I, NAZIA Sultana, R/o No.13/8, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Valmikinagar, Bengaluru-560026 have changed my name to Naziya Sulthana vide affidavit dt: 20.10.2022 sworn before Notary R.Basavaraja, B'lore.

I, BELLIAPPA N S, S/o Service No. 13897285A, Rank: Late Naik, Name: N T Subbaiah, R/a No.2342, 16th Main, 2nd B Cross, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560008 have changed my name to N S Pratham Belliappa vide affidavit dt: 20.10.2022 sworn before Notary H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, B'lore.

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I, **'SAKSHAM NAGPAL'** S/o of Ashwani Kumar Nagpal, aged about 20 years, born on 16th March 2002, residing presently at Colive St. Paul, Bellandur Main Road, Bangalore, Karnataka 560103 have changed my name to **SAKSHI NAGPAL** and gender to FEMALE vide Affidavit dated 12.10.2022 before Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

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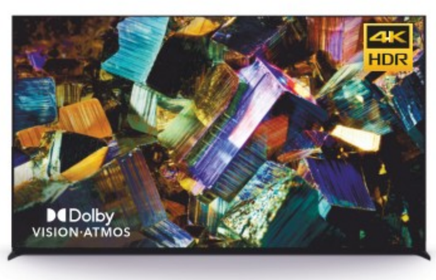

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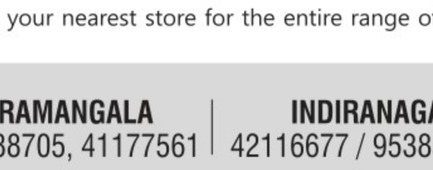

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HC directs BBMP to submit report on illegal use of residential premises

The Bench also said that the report should indicate whether there is a periodic check by the authorities on illegal use of premises for commercial activities

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FROM THE COURT

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to submit a report on the exercise carried out on the use of residential premises for commercial activities in violation of the law in various parts of the city.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi also directed the civic body to submit a specific report on the illegal use of residential premises for commercial activities in Wilson Garden locality.

The bench was hearing a PIL petition filed by the Wilson Garden Residents' Welfare Association complaining that several basement floor, stilt floor and parking areas in the residential zone are being allowed to be used by flower vendors in violation of laws.

The bench was hearing a PIL petition filed by the Wilson Garden Residents' Welfare Association.

On Wilson Garden locality, the Bench specifically directed BBMP to submit a comprehensive report on exercise carried out to identify illegal use of residential premises for commercial activities as the BBMP had earlier said that steps were taken to identify such premises.

The Bench also said that the report should indicate whether there is a periodic check by the authorities on illegal use for commercial activities in Wilson Garden locality, if such checks are carried out whether the reports were made to the superior officers, and what actions are taken against the vendors.

The report should also contain the name of the officer concerned in case the permissions are issued to the vendors, the Bench said.

Portion of Maharani's Science College in Mysuru collapses

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A portion of the century-old Maharani's Science College on Jhansi Lakshmi Bai Road here collapsed on Friday morning following incessant rains over the last few days. Three laboratories - one each of chemistry, biotechnology, and botany departments - were reduced to rubble. Though there was no loss of life or injury, the incident has shaken students and staff on the campus. College authorities have announced suspension of classes for two days amidst concerns about structural stability of the rest of the building. The repair of the heritage structure had received administrative approval and ₹2 crore was released for it. The ground-breaking ceremony was slated for October 22.

Tribute to actor

Massive crowd of fans attend 'Puneeth Parva' programme at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Friday.
SUDHAKARA JAIN

Women in coffee plantation sector to receive aid

The Hindu Bureau
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Coffee plantation workers at work in Chikkamagaluru.
K. MURALI KUMAR

The India chapter of the US-based International Women's Coffee Alliance (IWCA) is planning to conduct a two-day 'Coffee Santhe' at Jayamahal Palace Hotel in the city on October 29 and 30 to raise funds to support families of coffee labourers, especially women and their girl children, in Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru and Hassan and other coffee growing regions in the country.

The objective of WCAI that comprises coffee enthusiasts is to work towards the empowerment of health, education, economic security and literacy of underprivileged women throughout the coffee value chain.

According to Sunalini Menon, President, WCAI, and also a specialty coffee expert, the proceeds raised through Coffee Santhe will fund various projects that are designed to empower women coffee plantation workers, their girl children and also to cater to the financial and psychological requirements of elderly labourers.

Poornika Jairaj, an active volunteer of WCAI and also coffee grower from Chikkamagaluru, said the upcoming Coffee Santhe would showcase different varieties of coffee beans and brews, new coffee products, associated products and coffee equipment. The santhe would also feature a Women Brewer Skills Championship, Kaapi Nakshatra competition to choose the tastiest coffee.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru invites tender for the following works in two bid systems from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka:

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No. & Date	Particulars
1	SJICR/TS/89/2022-23 Dt. 21-10-2022	Providing and Construction of BBM compound wall with SSM foundation from East side of main entry up to STP/ETP Plant along B.G. Road and allied works at SJICR Hospital premises, Bengaluru.
2	SJICR/TS/90/2022-23 Dt. 21-10-2022	Supply & replacement of Steam pipeline & condensate return line from Boiler department to Laundry section & CSSD with allied works at SJICR, Bengaluru.
3	SJICR/TS/91/2022-23 Dt. 21-10-2022	Supply, erection, testing, and commissioning of Bed cum passenger lifts -6 Nos. and Dumb Waiters – 2 Nos. at Main building of SJICR premises, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru.
4	SJICR/TS/92/2022-23 Dt. 21-10-2022	Dismantling and buying of existing Bed cum Passenger Lifts – 06 Nos. and Dum Waiters – 2 Nos. installed at Main Building of SJICR Premises, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru.

1. The tenderers can download the documents from **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 25-10-2022** and the last date for submission of completed tenders through e-portal is **24-11-2022 upto 4-00 PM.**
2. Date of Pre-bid meeting: **15-11-2022 at 11-30 AM.**
3. Date of Technical Bid opening: **25-11-2022 at 4-00 PM.**
4. **EMD:** as mentioned in the tender document
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Sd/-Commissioner
City Corporation Belagavi
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No.:SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-2/T-64/22-23/4538-44 Date: 20.10.2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tender for the following works.

1) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr. (W&M) C/MRB/EE (O)/AEE-2/ 22-23/TTK/220kV Intermediate Tower @ 220kV Lingapura - JVSL DC line (Hazardous Locations of Schools & Colleges) Dt. 13.10.2022 Tender for the work of providing intermediate tower for remove the hazardous location in 220kV Lingapura - JVSL DC line between location number 134 and 135 to remove the hazardous line passing over the Government high school Toranagallu village, in Sandur Tq, Ballari Dist. on Total Turnkey Basis.

2) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr. (W&M) C/ MRB/ DCA/ EE(O)/ AEE-2/T-64/ Repair of Power Transformer_20MVA, 110/33-11KV DEVADURGA_CALL2 Dated:13.10.2022 Tender for the Work of "Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 20MVA, 110/33-11KV, **ANDREW YULE MAKE,** Sl. No.13480 YEAR OF MANUFACTURE 2012 LYING AT **110KV SUB STATION DEVADURGA** IN DEVADURGA Taluk, Raichur district on total turnkey basis".

3) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr. (W&M) C/ MRB/ DCA/ EE(O)/ AEE-2/T-64/ Repair of Power Transformer_20MVA, 110/33-11KV APMC RAICHUR_CALL-2 Dated:13.10.2022. Tender for the Work of "Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 20MVA, 110/33-11KV, **IMP MAKE,** Sl. No.PT-6902 YEAR OF MANUFACTURE 2013 LYING AT **110KV S/S APMC RAICHUR** in Raichur Taluk, Raichur District on total turnkey basis".

4) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)C/MRB//EE(O)/AEE-2/ T-64/2022-23/EHV Grade Transformer Oil_CALL-2 Tender for the work of Manufacture, Testing and supply of EHV Grade Transformer Oil (in non-returnable new Steel Barrels of 210 litres capacity) required for Trans(W&M) Circle, KPTCL Munirabad.

Tenders will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"eProcurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/on or after **21.10.2022 at 11:00Hrs** details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad

University of Agricultural Sciences
Estate Office, GKVK, Bengaluru-560065.
TENDER NOTIFICATION NO.EO/TN/485/2022-23, DATED: 18-10-2022 (Through e-procurement portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per Standard Tender Document KW1 from the registered KPWD/PWD/Contractors for the work Sl. No.1 to 6. The details of the notification, tender document, specifications are available in the website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. The cost of tender document is as per e-procurement portal. The EMD has to be paid in the e-procurement portal using e-Procurement payment modes.

The Blank Tender Documents can be down loaded from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Last date and time for uploading is **09.11.2022 upto 4.00 P.M.** The Financial Bid will be opened on **14.11.2022 at 10.30 A.M**. For more details please contact e-portal help desk at **support@eprochelpdesk.com** or 8046010000/ 8068948777 on working days and this office during working hour, Phone No.080-23332765.

Sd/-
Estate Officer
DIPR/CP/2744/Zenkar/2022-23

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, 2nd Floor, BBMP Building, J.C. Nagar Main Road, Munireddy Palya, Benglauru-560 006.
No.EE/HBL/TEND/24/2022-23 Date: 20-10-2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only) **(KW-1 or 2)**

The Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division BBMP Bengaluru, invites item rate tenders from the eligible contractors or equivalent registration with BBMP/CPWD/ KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organisations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work & Category	Estimate Cost (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD in Thousands
1.	Providing Namma Clinic at Bande Colony, Geddalahalli in Ward No.66, (Old Ward 18), Radhakrishna Temple. **(General).**	2.00	5000.00
2.	Providing Namma Clinic at Central Excise Layout, 4th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Sanjaynagar in Ward No.67 (Old Ward No.19), Sanjaynagar. **(General).**	6.00	15000.00
3.	Providing Namma Clinic at BBMP Building, Anganwadi and Tailoring Centre in Ward No.73 (Old Ward No.46), J.C. Nagar. **(General).**	4.65	11625.00

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender Documents can be downloaded from E-Portal in **25-10-2022 from 4:00 p.m. (2)** Last Date for uploading the Filled proposals is **03-11-2022 up to 4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of Opening of Financial Proposals is **04-11-2022 after 4:30 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, BBMP.

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Website : www.ballaricity.mrc.gov.in
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No:CCB/ENG/DM/DMF/05/2022-23/5th AP (CW) Date:18.10.2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal Only)

Tenders are inivited under **5th Actionplan (CW)** 2021-22 Ballari District Mining Area Development **(District Mineral Foundation Fund)** in Ballari City Corporation Limits through e-procurement Portal, Government of Karnataka http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in as per **KW-3** Document Registered / Renewed/ in the PWD Department from the eligible contractors for the following work of an Estimated Amount of **Rs.75.01 lks INDENT 140015** Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **27.10.2022** to **10.11.2022** on or Before 16.30Hours, Last date of submission of Tender on **10.11.2022** at 17.30 Hours, Opening of Technical Bid on **14.11.2022** at 11.00 Hours, Technically Qualified Bidders Financial Bid will be Opened on **19.11.2022** at 11.30 Hours. Transaction fee & EMD should be remitted in the e-procurement Portal, Government of Karnataka: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. For further details contact this office Phone No:08392-273479 and e-mail ID: bellarycommissioner@yahoo.co.in

Sd/- Commissioner, Ballari City Corporation. Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/568/MCA/2022-23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur.
Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com
No: KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2022-23/2527-28 Dated:21.10.2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1) Construction of Road from Kokatanoor SC colony to Shirahatti RC via Veeragoudar Thota in Athani Tq.(From 0.00Km to 2.50Km) (Revised Length: 0.00Km to 2.41Km) - Indent No. 23175 Rs. 222.50 Lakhs. (2) Construction of Road from Kokatnoor SC colony to Shirhatti RC via Veeragoudar Thota in Athani Tq.(2.50Km to 4.85Km) (Revised length: 2.41Km to 4.67Km) Indent No. 23176 Rs. 218.17 Lakhs. The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 29-10-2022 to 15-11-2022 up to 5-00 PM. Pre bid meeting Date. 07-11-2022 at 11-00AM in the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. Cover-I (Technical) Bid will be opened on 17-11-2022 at 11-00AM Cover-II (Financial Bid) will be opened on 21-11-2022 at 11-00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnatak.gov.in/eportal /index.seam.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti
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Government of Karnataka
Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Davanagere
No.EE/RDWS& SD/DVG/AE-1/JJM/Tender/841 Dt:-17/10/2022
Short-Term e-ProcurementTender Notice

Tender is invited through e-procurement for 10 works of Davanagere &Honnali Taluk approved under 2021-22 Jal Jeevan Mission scheme for Rs.595.00 Lakhs for **Providing Functional Household tap connections** in One/Two cover system by the Executive Engineer, RDWS& S Division, Davanagere on behalf the Governer of Karnataka, for registered PWD Contractors and also registered in e-Portal cell.**Item rate tender** as per standard bid documents **KW-1, 2 and 3** only through e-Procurement in order to enahance the transparency in the tendering process and hence there will be no physical form of tender. Last date for submission of tenders on **Dated:31/10/2022 at 5.00 PM**. Further details can be obtained from this office Tel No:08192-262126 or through website http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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Government of Karnataka
Office of Deputy Commissioner
Shivamoggga District, Shivamoggga
E-Mail :- dudc_smg@yahoo.co.in Ph.:- 08182-226268
NO.SMGDC.DUDC/PLAN/15/89862/2022 DATE : 21.10.2022
Tender Notification

Tenders have been invited from the Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Shivamogga to undertake the following works under Amrut Nagarottana (Municipality) – 4 Project of Bhadravathi Municipal Council, Shivamogga District from eligible contractors.

Sl No. Details of works : (1) Installation of decorative conical pole lamps at road dividers from New Bridge to Shankar Matt Circle, from under bridge to VISL main entrance, from Madhavachar Circle via Gandhi Circle to Madhavanagar Cross Road, from Rangappa Circle to Bhadra Channel, from under bridge to Hudco Bypass in Holehonnur Road, from Hosamane main road santhé maidan to Mariamma Temple and from Shivaji Circle to Ashwath Nagar Channel, from under bridge to Rangappa Circle in the limits of Bhadravathi Municipal Council. Amount put to tender (Rs in lakhs) : **395.93 (excluding GST)** EMD amount (Rs in lakhs) : **5.94** Period of contract : **6 months (excluding rainy season)**

The interested and eligible contractors can participate in the tender through e-procurement portal. The contractors can download the tender documents from e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and submit the documents online through e-procurement portal only. The tender processing fee should be paid through online only.

(1) Starting date for downloading the tender documents: **22.10.2022.** (2) Pre-bid meeting: **31.10.2022, at 11.00 AM at the Office of District Urban Development Cell, Shivamogga.** (3) Last date for submission of tender : **07.11.2022 upto 5.30 P M** (4) Date of opening of Technical bid : **09.11.2022 at 11.00 A M.** (5) Date of opening of Financial bid : **21.11.2022 at 11.00 A M or the date will be intimated later.**

More details of tender and conditions can be had from the Office of the Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Shivamogga , during office hours. If there is any changes in tender schedule and conditions, the same will be published in e-procurement portal only. And no paper publication.

DIPR/SMG/No.141-10 zenkar/2022-23
sd/- Executive Engineer,
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Minto hospital to attend to emergencies round-the-clock

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of Deepavali, Minto Ophthalmic Hospital on Friday released a list of dos and don'ts that people should follow while bursting crackers. The hospital has geared up to attend to patients with firecracker injuries and has set aside 30 beds in separate wards for male and female patients with such injuries.

Addressing mediapersons here, hospital director B.L. Sujatha Rathod said emergency services will be available round the clock at the hospital and necessary facilities have been put in place during Deepavali days for treatment of injured patients. During an emergency, people can call 9481740137/ 9480832430 and seek help, she said.

Pointing out that around 50 injuries are being reported every year, she said that even during the pandemic last year, 34 patients had suffered severe eye injuries. Launching posters on "Safe Deepavali", Dr. Rathod said firecrackers are known to cause thermal (heat), mechanical (missile effect) and chemical injuries.

Dos and don'ts

Keep a bucket of water, hose and a first aid kit handy.

Use long taper to light crackers rather than bending down.

Burst crackers in open spaces. Wear closed footwear, do not use loose clothing.

Immerse used firecrackers in a bucket of water before disposing. Do not attempt to reignite crackers that did not burst

In case of eye injury, do not attempt to wash or rub.

Cover eye gently with clean handkerchief and rush to nearest hospital.

Festive cheer for sale of commodities in markets ahead of Dhanteras, Deepavali

This year, sale of electronic items, jewellery, kitchen appliances and utensils have shot up; apart from jewellery, coins and miniature idols made out of gold and silver are also in demand among customers

Leesha K. Nair
BENGALURU

Shoppers saunter under strings of colourful lights in the run-up to Deepavali at Commercial Street, in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

While the city decks up for the festival of lights, businesses in the city are also shedding off their COVID blues. With Dhanteras and Deepavali, the sales of various commodities have skyrocketed, and are expected to rise further.

"Owing to the pandemic, we've had very low sales for two years; 35 shops out of the 125 shops had shut down during the pandemic. But they have all reopened this year and business is flourishing due to the festival," said Suhail Yusuff, Secretary of Brigade Shops and Establishments Association.

This year, the sales of electronic items such as flat-screen televisions, mobile phones, noise-cancelling headphones and speakers are on the rise, owing to the attractive offers provided by various brands during the festive season. Alongside, PlayStations are also one of the most sought-after products in the market.

A similar surge has also been observed in the sales of gold, silver and diamond jewellery. Apart from jewellery, coins and miniature idols made out of gold and silver are also in demand among customers.

"After such a long gap, our businesses have seen an increase of 25% in jewellery sales. The customers are really excited this year, and they've already placed orders 15-20 days prior to the festival," said T.A. Sharavana, President of Karnataka Jewellery Association.

While the electronics and jewellery sectors are thriving, the textile sector has been severely hit by the recent rains. "Although we've suffered losses due to the recent rains in the city, our sales have picked up pace this week. Our recovery is slow, yet I believe by December we shall be out of the loss," says Sajjan Raj Mehta, trade activist.

The sales of kitchen appliances and utensils have also shot up in the city markets. Sales of brooms have also seen a boom at Gandhi Bazaar. Many customers believe that purchasing brooms shall prevent debt and provide security of wealth to the buyer.

"Buying a broom is considered lucky as it cleans anything inauspicious in your house. I have also ordered a silver coin, with inscriptions of Lakshmi and Ganesha for Deepavali. There are a lot of offers during this time of the year," said N. Savitha, a homemaker shopping at Gandhi Bazaar.

Intermittent power supply today

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There will be intermittent power supply on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the areas serviced from 220/66/11kV Hebbal Sub Station.

According to a press release from BESCOM, Hebbal Division, the areas that will be affected are: Ganganagar, Lakshmiah Block, Weaver Colony, CBI Quarters, RBI Colony, UAS Campus, Dinnur Main Road, R.T. Nagara, HMT Layout, Kausarnagara, Muninanjappa Block, Chamundi Nagar, Ashwathanagar, Dollars Colony, MLA Layout, CBI Main Road, KHM Block, Venugopal Layout, Judges Colony, 80 Feet Road, Vishweshwara Blockand surrounding areas.

Not a cracker of a sale this Deepavali amidst restrictions

Navya M.S. Bharath
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BENGALURU

Those who are out looking for firecrackers this year are returning with no luck as their usual shopping hubs were found without traders. With several government restrictions, the sales of firecrackers have plummeted by almost 80% in the city, according to dealers.

With increased demand and short supply, the prices of firecrackers have also gone up by 40-50%. New varieties of crackers like Cheers, Cracking king, Singing birds, break dance, rocket Cyclone have hit the markets this year.

With the sales of only green crackers allowed, many main firecracker dealers could not get their licenses from CSIR - NEERI to set up stalls for business. In Sultanpet, which is one of the main hubs for firecrackers, none of the major dealers could get licenses. Hence, the buying crowds are being diverted to Hosur, according to some traders. Even in areas like Vijayanagar, Malleswaram, Rajajinagar and Banashankari, the playgrounds where crackers were usually sold, were seen empty when *The Hindu* visited on Friday.

Raja, a wholesale distributor of firecrackers, said that there is increase in the demand for crackers even though the prices have been shot up when compared to last year. "The booking of crackers was done six months prior to festival when we have received only 40% of stock from the factory. We currently have only crackers from some brands available in our shop. Even the factories are not able to meet customers' demands because of the Supreme Court restrictions. The manufacturing process has taken a hit this time even due to the weather conditions," he said.

After two years of the pandemic, firecracker dealers were hoping to do great business this year. However, with licensing difficulties, many of them are now worried.

John from Balaji enterprises in Yelahanka said, "Last year, due to the second wave of the pandemic, people were hesitant to celebrate. The situation has worsened this year due to heavy rains and restrictions by the government. We are hoping for business to pick up."

Some customers, on the other hand, are on board with the regulations to celebrate the festival in an eco-friendly manner. Bhumi, a resident of Kengeri, said, "It is a great initiative to introduce alternatives like green crackers. It is our responsibility to follow the protocols set by the government and celebrate an eco-friendly Deepavali this year."

Order to collect donation of ₹100 draws flak

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Opposition poured in from various quarters, including Siddaramaiah, students organisations and educationists, to the Department of School Education and Literacy's order to collect ₹100 monthly donation from government school children.

In a series of tweets, Siddaramaiah said, "The government has targeted poor students of government schools. After looting 40% commission from government coffers, they now want to loot from the parents too."

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Civil Engineering Division, Tumakur - 572101
No.: KST:EE:TK:JE:510:2022-23 Date: 21.10.2022

E-Procurement Tender Notification -10,11/2022-23

Tenders are invited in e-procurement mode from registered KPWD/CPWD/MES contractors for the following work. Tender Notification and further details for the work can be downloaded from **22.10.2022** free of cost from the e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approxmate Amount Put to Tender (in Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Last date for submission of tenders
1	Concreting to the parking area at Bharamasagara Bus Station.	105.92	2,00,000/-	10.11.2022
2	Renovatoin of old toilet block at Bus Station Chitradurga. (Call-2)	8.90	22,300/-	10.11.2022

More details can be obtained from the Office of the Executive Engineer, KSRTC, CE Division, Tumakur Bus Stop, Tumakur during working hours on all working days.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer,
KSRTC CE Division, Tumakuru

DIPR/CP/LC/2767/2022-23

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division
Bangalore Rural, Berasandra, Devanahalli Taluk.
Ph: 080-29787463, Mob: 9448367736, E-mail: eerdwsd.bngr1@gmail.com

Tender Notification No. : 21/2022-23/1374 Date : 20-10-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement)

Tenders are invited on behalf of Governor of Karnataka according to KTTP Act through E-procurement Portal for the Works under 2021-22, under **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** to Provide FHTCs to House Holds in Bangalore Rural District **(Standard Tender Document KW - 1 to 4) Application & EMD Payment to be done through E-Procurement Portal.**

General Conditions : 1) Contractor has to Upload Document through Online only. 2) All Qualifying Documents has to be attached through online.

1) Tender Schedule can be Downloaded from Website : After 4.00 p.m. Dated : 27-10-2022. 2) Last Date for Tender Uploading : upto 4.00 p.m. Dated : 14-11-2022. 3) Date of Opening of Tender / Technical Bid : At 11.00 a.m. Dated : 15-11-2022. 4) Date of Opening of Financial Bid : At 11.00 a.m. Dated : 17-11-2022.

For more details Office of the undersigned and also through **https//eproc.karnataka.gov.in** out of the List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/- S. M. Subhan Saheb
Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Bangalore Rural

DIPR/Bangalore Rural/2740/Manipal/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department
Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.
Phone & Fax No : 08539-220054 email: eemidnkst@rediffmail.com

No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2022-23/2781 Dated: 17-10-2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents **KW-4** on E-procurement portal for 01 no of tender works pertaining to Koppal district. The amount put to tender for the mentioned work **Rs 130.71Lakhs.** The tenderers may submit tenders for the mentioned work through E-procurement portal only. **Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.
For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **19.10.2022.** Last date & time for receipt of tender is **03.11.2022 time 17.30 hours,** pre bid meeting will be held on **27.10.2022 time 11.00 hours** at this office. Date & time for opening of technical bid **05.11.2022time 11.00 hours,** date and time for opening of financial bid **07.11.2022 time 11.00 hours** (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
Minor Irrigation and
Ground Water Development
Department Division Koppal.

DIPR/KOPPAL/389/2022-23/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, TUMKUR TERRITORIAL DIVISION, TUMKUR
E-Mail:dcftmk_dcftmk@yahoo.co.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ-A/BUD/SMRUTIVANA/RETEN/CR-44/2022-23 Date : 19.10.2022

Re-E-Tender Notification

E-Tenders are invited by Forest Department, Tumkur Territorial Division for Erection of Chainlink Mesh, formation of walking path, Raising & Maintenance of Public herbal garden plantation at Tumkur Range and Advance Works, Raising of seedlings & Erection of Barbed wire fencing along with RCC Pillars and Other works at Pavagada Range for the year 2022-23, The Bidder needs to be Registered as Forest Contractor in tumkur Division for the year 2022-23and for Civil works PWD Class 2/3/4 contractors can partificipate for the following works.
Total No of Works 10, Highest Value of the Work Rs.60,41,000/- Highest Value EMD Rs.1,20,820/- Lowest Value of the Work Rs.2,05,000/- Lowest Value EMD Rs.5,125/-
Bid Submission Closing Date & Time : **02.11.2022** at 3:00 PM,
Technical Bid Opening Date : **03.11.2022** at 3:00 PM
Price Bid Opening Date : **04.11.2022** at 3:00 PM. For more information about this tender may contact our office at office timings upto **28.10.2022** at 3.00 PM and more details on https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Tumkur Division, Tumkur

DIPR/TUM/616/MCA/2022-23

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
(ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು) ಕಂದಾಯ ಭವನ ಹಿಂಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
ಫೋನ್: 080-2221 1372 / 352, E-Mail: dudc_burban@yahoo.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಜಿನಕೋ/ಅ.ಸ.ಯೋ/ಹಂ-4/ಸಿಆರ್/01/2021-22 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 21.10.2022

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಾದ ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾದನಾಯಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಾಣಾವರ ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಹುಣಸಮಾರನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಚಂದಾಪುರ ಪುರಸಭೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅತ್ತಿಬೆಲೆ ಪುರಸಭೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಅಮೃತ್ ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ (ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿ) ಹಂತ-4 ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾದನಾಯಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹುಣಸಮಾರನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪುರಸಭೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅತ್ತಿಬೆಲೆ ಪುರಸಭೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಕ್ರಿಯಾಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ರಸ್ತೆ ಬದಿ ಚರಂಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಳೆ ನೀರು ಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಅಮೃತ್ ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ (ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿ) ಹಂತ-4ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾದನಾಯಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಾಣಾವರ, ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಹಣಸಮಾರನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಚಂದಾಪುರ ಪುರಸಭೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅತ್ತಿಬೆಲೆ ಪುರಸಭೆಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ರಸ್ತೆ ಬದಿ ಚರಂಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಳೆ ನೀರು ಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು.

1) ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-01:DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT139720. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಗಿಟ್ಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ.580.32 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-02:DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT139721. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಗಿಟ್ಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ.641.02 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. 2) ಮಾದನಾಯಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-02:DMA/2022-23/RD/ WORK_INDENT139855. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಗಿಟ್ಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ.761.03 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. 3) ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಾಣಾವರ ಪುರಸಭೆ. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-01:DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT133954. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಗಿಟ್ಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ.375.68 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. 4) ಹುಣಸಮಾರನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪುರಸಭೆ. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-01:DMA/2022-23/RD/ WORK_INDENT133961. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಗಿಟ್ಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ.458.44 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. 5) ಚಂದಾಪುರ ಪುರಸಭೆ. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-01:DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT134021. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಗಿಟ್ಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ.512.98 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. 6) ಅತ್ತಿಬೆಲೆ ಪುರಸಭೆ. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-01:DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT133903. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಗಿಟ್ಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ.581.08 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು.

ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೇ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ: (1) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **07-11-2022, 5:00 p.m.** (2) ಪೂರ್ವ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆಯ ಸ್ಥಳ, ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **03-11-2022, 5:00 p.m.** (3) ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯವನ್ನು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ (ಬಿಡ್ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ): **10-11-2022, 5:00 p.m.** (4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **14-11-2022, 5:00 p.m.** (5) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕವಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹವಾದ ಬಿಡ್ದರ್‌ದಾರರುಗಳ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **21-11-2022, 5:00 p.m.** (6) ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳ ಸಿಂಧುತ್ವ: **90 ದಿನಗಳು.**

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

DIPR/CP/RO2727/AAPL/2022-23

Bangalore - Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority
No. 5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 009
Tel : 080 22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No:BMICAPA/CLU-02/30/2020-21 Date: 20.10.2022

PUBLICATION
(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri.T.S.Krishnamurthy S/o Sathyanarayan.T.N and Others have applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from "Industrial" Zone to "Residential" purpose under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining Sy.No:263 Extent 01 Acre, Sy.No:264 Extent 01Acre-20 Guntas, Sy.No:265 Extent 0Acre-27¾Guntas, Sy.No:266/2 Extent 0Acre-25½Guntas, Sy.No:267 Extent 0Acre-23Guntas, Sy.No:268 Extent 0Acre-23Guntas, Sy.No:269 Extent 01 Acre, Sy.No:270/1 Extent 0Acre-10Guntas, Sy.No:270/2 Extent 0Acre-20Guntas, Sy.No:271 Extent 0Acre-20Guntas, Sy.No:272 Extent 0Acre-20Guntas, Sy.No:273 Extent 03Acre-10Guntas, Sy.No:274 Extent 0Acre-20Guntas, Sy.No:275 Extent 0Acre-20Guntas, Sy.No:276 Extent 01 Acre, Sy.No:277 Extent 0Acre-25Guntas, Sy.No:278 Extent 01 Acre, Sy.No:279 Extent 01 Acre totally measuring 15Acre-24¼Guntas of Banandoor Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1) If this land is developed and layout formed, sites will be available at reasonable rates to middle income group and economically weaker section.
2) At the time of carving and designing the Layout, there will be job opportunities to labours.
3) If this land is developed, then the surrounding area will also get developed.
4) If the planned development takes place, good road, civic amenity sites and parks etc, will be available for General Public.

Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 16 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 16 days will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary
B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2750/AKAR/22-23

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER,
CANAL CIRCLE, BURLA

e-Procurement Notice No.CCB-02(01-05)/2022-23

Bid Identification No. - CCB-02(01)/2022-23 to CCB-02(05)/2022-23

1.	Type of the work	:	**Road Work as per DTCN**
2.	No of Works	:	**5 (five) nos.**
3.	Class of Contractor	:	**"A" & "Special" Class**
4.	Bid Identification No.	:	**CCB-02(01-05)/2022-23**
5.	Estimated Cost	:	**Rs.512.78 Lakhs to 752.25 Lakhs (Approx)**
6.	Period of Completion	:	**12 (Twelve) to 15 (Fifteen) Calendar Months**
7.	Date and time of availability of bid documents in the portal	:	**Dt.28.10.2022 at 11.00 AM to Dt.28.11.2022 up to 5.00 PM**
8.	Last Date / time for receipt of bids in the portal	:	**Dt.28.11.2022 up to 5.00 PM**
9.	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)	:	**Dt.29.11.2022 at 11.30 AM, O/o Additional Chief Engineer, Canal Circle, Burla.**
10.	Date of Opening of Financial Bid (Cover-II)	:	**To be intimated later**
11.	Name and Address of the Officer inviting Bid	:	**Additional Chief Engineer, Canal Circle, Burla - 768017 Email Id: addlceccburla@gmail.com**

1. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation/erratum of tender can also be seen in the said Website.
2. Further details can be seen from Government Website **http://tenderodisha.gov.in .**

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FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
TENDER NOTICE No.14/ 2022-23/SE/B(C&M)C/SLM, Dated : 20.10.2022

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Sacred mud collection campaign launched

The 'Statue of prosperity' of Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda will be the inspiration for the overall development of Karnataka, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said.

On Friday, at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru, he launched the collection of "mruthike" (sacred mud) from all over the State ahead of the unveiling of 108-ft-tall statue of Kempe Gowda on November 11 by Prime Minsiter Narendra Modi.

Panchamasalis threaten to lay siege to Vidhana Soudha

At a meeting of Panchamasali leaders in Hukkeri on Friday, it was resolved that the community members would lay siege to the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on December 12.

Basava Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swami of Panchamasali Peetha read out the resolutions that were passed by voice vote.

"We had set various deadlines before the BJP government to fulfil our demands. None of those deadlines has been met. We will not only organise a mega rally in Bengaluru to demand reservation but also lay siege to the Vidhana Soudha. All the legislators of the Panchamasali community who belong to various parties will bring pressure on the government to recategorise our community," he said.

Special train to build 'cultural bonds' between Karnataka and Varanasi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to flag off the train on November 11; eight-day tour package to include seminars, lectures, group meetings

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

A file photo of Ganga Aarti in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

Roping in Indian Railways, the Karnataka government has announced a programme "for strengthening cultural bonds" between Karnataka and Varanasi under the 'Karnataka-Bharat Gaurav Kashi Darshan'. Special trains will operate between Bengaluru and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh from November for visiting Kashi Vishwanath temple.

Three trains will run in a month under the programme.

The inaugural train from Bengaluru will be flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is scheduled visit to Bengaluru on November 11 to launch several projects, including the unveiling of the 108-ft-tall bronze statue of Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda and inauguration of Terminal-2 of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

Minister for Muzrai, Hajj and Waqf Shashikala Jolle chaired a meeting with officials of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), and Indian Railways, on this. The Muzrai Department told them to complete the process of online booking of ticket and formalities to flag off the inaugural train before October 30.

It will be an eight-day tour package. The tour would include seminars, lectures, group meetings, and visits to the Vishwanath temple and centres of important cultural heritage in Varanasi, Prayagraj, and Ayodhya, said officials.

The train will carry 700 pilgrims. After deducting the government's subsidy of ₹5,000 to each pilgrim, the cost of the journey will be ₹15,000 for each person.

Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. and the IRCTC will soon announce the online registration for the tours, said official sources in the department.

₹5,000 subsidy

The State government has already been reimbursing ₹5,000 to each pilgrim who is visiting the Vishwanath temple. Pilgrims have to insert a seal of Karnataka Bhavan in Varanasi on the ticket to get the reimbursement, sources said. The department has been authorised to utilise ₹7 crore sanctioned for the Kashi Yatra.'

Direct flights between Bengaluru and Varanasi is one of the reasons for the increased number of pilgrims visiting the Kashi temple in the last few months. The number of pilgrims visiting Kashi increased after Mr. Modi inaugurated Kashi Vishwanath Dham in December 2021, official sources said.

'PayCM' posters: Case against two Congress office-bearers quashed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has quashed a criminal case registered against two advocates who are the office-bearers of the Congress' Nelamangala unit of Bengaluru Rural district on the allegation of asking some persons to paste 'PayCM' posters in public places in Nelamangala town.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing the petitions filed by Narayana Gowda J.S., president of the Indian Youth Congress unit of Nelamangala Assembly constituency, and Ramakrishna V., president of the Congress' Legal Cell of the Nelamangala constituency.

The police had registered the case against six persons, including the petitioners, under the provisions of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984, the Karnataka Open Place Disfigurement Act, and Section 290 (public nuisance) of the Indian Penal Code.

Allegations against the petitioners were that they spoke to four other accused persons over the phone and instructed them to affix posters in the town as part of the party's 'PayCM' agitation. The police had claimed that the other accused had given a statement that they affixed posters on the instruction of the petitioners.

However, the court said the action of only instructing some persons over the phone to affix posters would not attract the provisions of the laws invoked against them as they have not done any act that would become an offence under these laws.

Meanwhile, the court said that quashing of the case against them would not bind or influence the investigation against any other accused persons.

KSRTC to operate special buses for Deepavali

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) will operate 1,500 additional buses in view of Naraka Chaturdashi and Balipadyami on October 24 and 26, in addition to the existing schedules to provide transport facility to the public. Later, special buses will be operated from various intra- and inter-State places to Bengaluru from October 26 to 30, according to a release.

Staff of State-run dialysis units withdraw strike

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Staff of the 122 State-run dialysis units, who had launched an indefinite strike demanding higher salaries and clearing of pending dues, withdrew the protest on Friday night following an assurance by Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar that their demands will be considered at the earliest.

Over 4,000 renal patients undergoing dialysis in 122 units across Karnataka missed their dialysis on Thursday and Friday in view of the strike.

Nearly 500 employees, including dialysis technicians, nurses, and 'D' group staff, manning the 122 dialysis units had started a protest at Freedom Park here on Thursday demanding restoration of the salaries paid before the transfer of the dialysis scheme from BRS Health and Research Institute to Kolkata-based ESKAG Sanjeevini Pvt. Ltd. in January. Health officials had informed the staff on Thursday that there were some legal hurdles in meeting some demands and it would require nearly two months to clear their dues.

Holds talks

With the staff continuing their strike, the Health Minister again held deliberations with the officials and representatives from Sanjeevani and announced that their salaries would be enhanced and dues paid at the earliest.

Ruckus at meet over poem on 'dictator'

The Hindu Bureau
RAICHUR

A poetry meet in Ballari, which had poets from across the world participating, witnessed chaos for a while when Wilson Kateel, a poet from Mangaluru, was reciting his poem which purportedly hinted at Prime Minister Narendra Modi. As Mr. Kateel began reciting his poem, titled 'Sarvadhikari Preetisabekittu' (The dictator should have fallen in love), one Ramanath Bhandarkar, who was in the audience, stood up and demanded that the poet specifically name the "dictator" hinted at in the poem.

Mr. Kateel, however, continued with his recitation. Enraged by this, Mr. Bhandarkar, who was then joined by a few more people in the audience, started arguing. Meanwhile, a few poets who had arrived from different countries began raising slogans in support of the poet.

While Mr. Bhandarkar raised "Modi zindabad" slogans, those supporting Mr. Kateel demanded that he recite the same poem a second time as a token of protest against what they called attempt to thwart freedom of expression.

Mr. Bhandarkar eventually walked out of the conference hall, along with his supporters, and the poetry session continued.

Issue SOP to police to follow mandate of NDPS Act, says HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Expressing shock over the breach of the provision of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act by the State police during the seizure of ganja, the High Court of Karnataka has directed the State Police Chief to issue the standard operating procedure (SOP) for search and seizure of banned drugs.

"It is rather shocking that in spite of the NDPS Act being in existence and operation for several decades these kinds of procedural irregularities are committed by the police officers, leading to the quashing of criminal proceedings," the court observed.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj issued the direction while quashing a criminal case registered against Mruthyunjaya, a resident of Kolar.

The court found that the Malur police, who had seized ganja from the alleged possession of the petitioner-accused, had failed to follow the procedure prescribed in Section 50 of the NDPS Act.

Pointing out that the NDPS Acgt mandates that search of a person has to be carried out in the presence of a gazetted officer and if such an officer is not available immediately the person has to be retained till the availability of such officer, the court said the police had failed to follow this mandatory procedure in case of the petitioner.

The court also said that the SOP to be issued within four weeks should also contain the penalty for the police officers for violating the law.

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3.	EMD by online transfer only through NIC Portal. The tenderer shall submit scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of Tender document.				
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ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದೇಶ 1999-2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-4 ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ **ಸನ್ 2020-21 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಮೂಲ (General Basic Grant)** ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂದಾಜು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.172.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛೆಯುಳ್ಳ PWD/ HDMC/ಇತರೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ/ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ Work ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದ್ವಿ-ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (Two Electronic Tender System) ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ / ದಾಖಲೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21/10/2022 ರಿಂದ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

- ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT140330** /ಟಿಂ.ಮೊ.ರೂ. 143.32 **ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು** / ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊ. ರೂ.**2,14,982.00** ಅವಧಿ 06 ತಿಂಗಳು.
- ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತು ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯ 3 ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ (projecthdmc1@gmail.com) ಅಥವಾ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ) ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ತಡವಾಗಿ ಬಂದ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.
- ಸಂಭಾವ್ಯ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ :**29.10.2022** ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ.
- ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **07.11.2022** ರಂದು ಸಾ: 16.30:00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ,
- ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **08.11.2022** ರಂದು ಮುಂ: 16.35:00 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.
- ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ :**15.11.2022** ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು ಅಥವಾ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾದ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ)
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ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾ/692/2022-23/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ

Government of Karnataka
(RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPT.)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering , Division Yadgir - 585202
No.EE/PRED/YDG/TENDER/TA-3/KKRDB/2022-23/ 728 Date: 19-10-2022
E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Yadgir here by invites separate (KW-3 Two Cover) Technical & Financial Bid Tender on behalf of the Hon'ble Governor Karnataka from the eligible civil contractor for works approved Under K.K.R.D.B. FOR THE YEAR 2022-23 details as below.
Works details:- CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR ROOMS TO GOVERNMENT HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL AT HOSAKERA VILLAGE IN SHAHAPUR TQ. DIST. YADGIR. (Indent No. RDPR/2022-23/BD WORK_INDENT 95001). 2) Amount put to Tender : Rs. 50,35,715=68 3) Eligibility of Contractors : Class-1 and Above 4) Date of Commencement of downloading of bidding document Date: 21-10-2022 to 29-10-2022 5) Cost of Tender form and EMD : as per e-Procurement 6) Last Date to Submit bids on e-portal : Date: 29-10-2022 before 4.30 pm 7) Opening of Technical Bid : Date: 31-11-2022 after 11.00 am 8) Opening of Financial Bid : Date: 04-11-2022 after 11.00 am. 9) For more information contact Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Station Area Yadgir. 10) web site:http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through e-Procurement system only Note:- Pre Bid Meeting Date 27-10-2022 at Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division, Office, Station Road, Yadgir.

DIP/Yadagiri/281MC&A/2022-23
SD/- Executive Engineer
P.R.E. Division Yadgir

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

NINTH ANNIVERSARY

SHRI. R. CHAKRAPANI
29.11.1928 22.10.2013
We were blessed by your guidance and miss you everyday
Family and Staff of
R. CHAKRAPANI & SONS

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☎: 0821-2543552 e-mail: kwbmysdiv@gmail.com
Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
No: KUWSDB/EE/MYS/TEC/AE-1/1711/2022-23, Dtd: 19/10/2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Electronic Procurement portal only)
Item-rate Tender for the following work is invited through e-Procurement from eligible Agency/ Contractors as detailed below:
Sl.No. 1. **Name and description of work:** INDENT NO: KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT3232 Providing 11KV power line and allied works to 4.2 MLD capacity SBR type STP, WW-1, 2 & 3 under providing UGD scheme to Periyapatna town. **Approx. value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 90.46 **EMD (Rs.):** 1,81,000/- **Tender Processing fee:** As per stipulation in the e-procurement portal. **Completion periodincluding monsoon:** 06 (Six) Months.
Calendar of Events: 1) Last date & Time for submission/ uploading of tender in the e-procurement portal: **04.11.2022** upto 17.30 hours. **2)** Date & Time of Opening of the Technical Tenders: **07-11-2022** after 11.00 hours For further details contact the under signed during office hours.

DIPR/DDMYS/MCA/590/2022-23
Sd/- E.E.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
ENGINEERING DIVISION KALABURAGI
(Office of the Executive Engineer, H & FWD Engineering Division, # PWD Quarters No: 110-D, Opp: HKES Womens Polytechnic Iwan-E-Shahi Colony Kalaburagi-585102
Phone/Fax No-08472 – 241982. E –mail-ee.khsdrp.klb@gmail.com
No: HFW/EE/DIVN/KLB/AE-1/BM/T.G/2022-23/718 Date: 20-10-2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Division, Kalaburagi invites tender in Two Cover Document system respectively from eligible Class-III & Above contractors registered in KPWD in e-procurement for (10 works in 04 package works) Repairs and Renovation of 01 Taluka Health Office 09 Hospitals in Kalaburagi, Bidar Yadgir, & Vijayanagar Districts of the Health & Family welfare Department. Maximum Project Cost-Rs. 90.00 Lakhs & Minimum Project Cost Rs.31.87 Lakhs & Stipulated Period for Completion-03 months including monsoon-(Refer e-portal for the details),
Calendar of Events:
1) Last date for receipt of tenders : 04-11-2022 upto 16:30 hrs. 2) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): 05-11-2022 at 17:00 hrs.
The tender details can be downloaded from the e-Procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and Earnest Money Deposit and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.
NOTE: 1. All the rights are reserved by the under signed for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids /individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through news papers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/Kalaburagi/753/MC&A/2022-23 **H & FWD Engineering Division, Kalaburagi**

INBRIEF

Thoothukudi firing: DSP, three constables suspended

The Tamil Nadu government has suspended a Deputy Superintendent of Police and three constables in connection with the May 2018 police firing in Thoothukudi which left 13 anti-Sterlite protesters dead. A few days after the Aruna Jagadeesan panel's report was tabled, the Home Secretary ordered the suspension.

59 students hurt as *pandal* of school science fair collapses

Fifty-nine students were injured when a *pandal* collapsed on Friday during the Manjeswaram sub-district school science exhibition organised at the Bekur Government Higher Secondary School at Mangalpady in Kerala. Eyewitnesses said the *pandal*, constructed with tin sheets and bamboo, suddenly collapsed with a huge sound.

SC sets aside appointment of tech varsity V-C in Kerala

Supreme Court says appointment of Rajasree M.S. as Vice-Chancellor of APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University was made in violation of University Grants Commission regulations

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday set aside the appointment of Rajasree M.S. as Vice-Chancellor of APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU), Thiruvananthapuram, holding that it was made in violation of the University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations.

"The post of Vice-Chancellor [V-C] of the university is a very important post as far as the university is concerned. Being a leader and head of the institution, the Vice-Chancellor of the university has to play a very important role. While academic qualifications, administrative experience, research credentials, and

Rajasree M.S.

track record could be considered as basic eligibility requirements, the greater qualities of a V-C would be one who is a true leader and a passionate visionary," a Bench of Justices M.R. Shah and C.T. Ravikumar referred to a judicial precedent in their 24-page judgment.

The judgment came in an appeal filed by Prof. (Dr.) Sreejith P.S. after the Kerala High Court had refused to quash the appointment.

The questions flagged by the court included whether the appointment ought to be in compliance with the UGC regulations or the University Act, 2015, which is a State legislation, and if the search committee constituted to recommend the name of Prof. Rajasree as V-C was a "duly constituted" one.

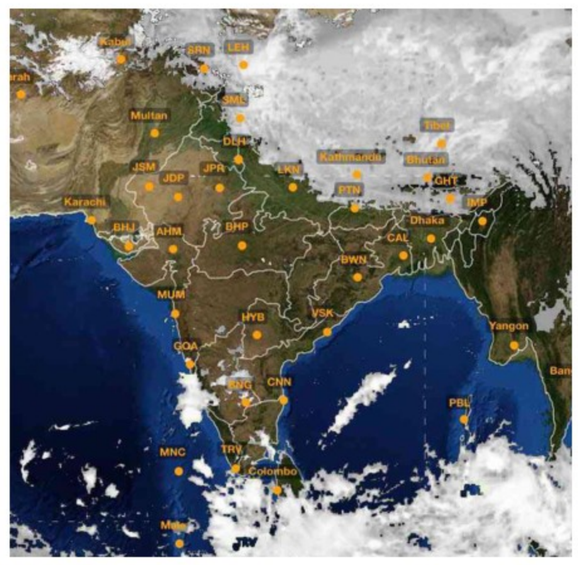
On the first question, Justice Shah, who authored the judgment, said a Central law, in this case, the UGC regulations, would prevail over the State law to the extent of the conflict between the two statutes.

The court agreed with Prof. Sreejith's contentions that the appointment of the V-C was not in accordance with the UGC regulations. This was despite the fact that the State government had adopted the regulations way back in 2010. The violations encompassed the constitution of the search committee and lapses in the recommendation and appointment of Prof. Rajasree. Only one name was recommended to the Chancellor, which was contrary to the regulations.

The court held that "any appointment as a V-C made on the recommendation of the search committee, which is constituted contrary to the provisions of the UGC regulations, shall be void ab initio".

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over central Maharashtra, Marathwada, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.5	23.2	Kozhikode	18	33.0	24.5
Ahmedabad	—	35.6	22.1	Kurnool	—	34.0	24.6
Aizawl	—	—	17.0	Lucknow	—	32.0	20.2
Allahabad	—	33.5	19.9	Madurai	31	30.2	23.1
Bengaluru	0.1	28.0	20.1	Mangaluru	1	31.4	24.0
Bhopal	—	31.0	17.9	Mumbai	—	33.5	25.5
Bhubaneswar	—	31.4	22.4	Mysuru	26	30.0	20.4
Chandigarh	—	31.8	19.1	New Delhi	—	33.5	17.3
Chennai	30	32.1	24.3	Patna	—	31.0	22.0
Coimbatore	26	30.8	21.4	Port Blair	0.6	29.9	25.3
Dehradun	—	30.0	13.7	Puducherry	42.7	31.3	22.4
Gangtok	—	20.0	11.6	Pune	18.2	29.4	21.9
Goa	31.4	32.4	24.8	Raipur	—	30.6	20.6
Guwahati	—	33.2	21.6	Ranchi	—	28.0	16.4
Hubballi	—	29.0	21.0	Shillong	—	23.1	13.9
Hyderabad	—	30.6	23.2	Shimla	—	20.3	12.0
Imphal	—	30.4	14.7	Srinagar	7	15.5	5.5
Jaipur	—	33.8	19.2	Thiruvananthapuram	26	28.7	22.6
Kochi	9	29.2	24.6	Tiruchi	3	29.9	24.1
Kohima	—	25.3	12.5	Vijayawada	—	32.4	25.4
Kolkata	—	32.8	23.7	Visakhapatnam	—	33.5	26.9

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	28	117	62	100	108	
Bengaluru	27	27	92	—	118	
Chennai	4	60	108	58	54	
Delhi	11	163	42	286	391	
Hyderabad	3	28	48	150	115	
Kolkata	19	47	28	151	122	
Lucknow	12	84	46	247	186	
Mumbai	16	150	56	50	148	
Pune	—	27	53	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	26	32	37	94	104	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Faridabad, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 312 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

The Hindu stood by its staff during pandemic: Kanimozhi

The Hindu Union president Kanimozhi being felicitated by secretary Kamalanathan at the The Hindu Employees' Union 66th anniversary funtion in the presence of Directors N. Murali and N. Ram in Chennai on Friday. K.V.. SRINIVASAN

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Member of Parliament Kanimozhi on Friday thanked the management of The Hindu Group of Publications (THGP) for giving a handsome bonus to the employees, at the 66th anniversary celebrations of *The Hindu* and National Press Employees' Union held here.

Ms. Kanimozhi, who is also the president of the union, said the management had always stood by the employees during trying times of the pandemic.

N. Murali, director, THGP, said the anniversary celebration of the union, which was not observed over the last couple of years, showed the unity between the management and the employees.

Mr. Murali said the pandemic had caused severe misery to the business fraternity, particularly the newspaper industry, which had suffered due to decline in advertisements.

He thanked the employees for the sacrifice they made while accepting to undergo salary cuts for more than a year due to the financial constraints caused by the pandemic.

N. Ram, director, THGP, said that during the present regime under Chief Minister M.K. Stalin in Tamil Nadu, there was no threat to freedom of speech and expression, unlike other regimes that had harassed the media by filing cases against them.

He appreciated L.V. Navaneeth, CEO of THGP, for improving the revenue.

THGP directors N. Ravi, K. Venugopal, Lakshmi Srinath and Rohit Ramesh participated in the function.

The union's general secretary, M. Kamalanathan, delivered the welcome address.

Jolt to BJP in Telangana as two leaders return to TRS

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Bharatiya Janata Party suffered a severe jolt ahead of the byelection to Munugode Assembly Constituency in Telangana on Friday, with two of its leaders, former Chairman of the Legislative Council K. Swamy Goud and Dasoju Sravan, quitting the party and returning to the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) as a boost to the latter.

Mr. Swamy Goud joined the BJP in November 2020. Mr. Sravan quit the TRS in 2014 and joined the Congress. He, however, quit the Congress and joined the BJP in August this year.

Countdown for LVM3 mission to commence on October 22 midnight

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The countdown for Indian Space Research Organisation's Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3) mission, which will launch 36 OneWeb Gen-1 satellites, will begin on Saturday midnight.

The LVM3 launch will take place at 12.07 a.m. on Sunday, October 23, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The countdown will start 24 hours before the launch.

Dedicated commercial satellite

"LVM3 is the dedicated commercial satellite mission of New Space India Limited (NISL), a central public sector enterprise under the Department of Space. With this launch, LVM3 is making its entry into the global commercial launch service market," said ISRO.

An image posted by ISRO on Twitter on October 14 of the final vehicle checks being carried out ahead of the launch of 36 satellites. PTI

It is the first LVM3 dedicated commercial launch on demand through NSIL. This contract with M/s OneWeb is a historic milestone for NSIL and ISRO, as LVM3 is making its entry into the global commercial launch service market, it added.

This mission is being undertaken as part of the commercial arrangement entered into between NSIL and OneWeb Ltd, a UK based company.

Global connectivity needs

As part of this mission, 36 OneWeb Gen-1 satellites, meant for global connectivity needs, will be launched from the spaceport into a circular low earth orbit of 601 km altitude with an inclination of 87.4 degree.

OneWeb is a global communication network powered from space, enabling connectivity for governments, business and communities.

It is implementing a constellation of Low Earth Orbit satellites. Bharti Enterprise is a major investor and shareholder in OneWeb.

This mission is also significant as it is the first multi-satellite mission of LVM3 to Low Earth Orbit and the first Indian launch with 6 tonne payload.

Swapna charges three with sexual misconduct

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Swapna Suresh, the prime accused in the UAE diplomatic baggage gold smuggling case, has accused three top Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI (M)] leaders of sexual misconduct.

Swapna, who had declared an open season on the LDF government, levelled the politically stormy accusations in an exclusive television interview on Friday. She had singled out three top political executives in the previous Pinarayi Vijayan government, including two Ministers, for censure.

Survivor's plea in actor case dismissed

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a plea by the survivor of a sexual assault case, in which Malayalam actor Dileep is involved as accused, to transfer the trial to another court.

The Kerala High Court had in September refused the transfer, following which the survivor had approached the apex court.

"We cannot allow petitions alleging bias, judges will not be able to discharge their duties without fear and favour... In such matters the High Court has to see whether it is a fit case for transfer or not. If this court starts taking calls, it will set a bad precedent," a Bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and C.T. Ravikumar addressed senior advocate R. Basant, appearing for the survivor, who is also an actor.

Mr. Basant said his client wanted the trial to be fair "to all". He tried to persuade the Bench that the presiding officer was biased in favour of the accused. He said his client has lost faith in the trial judge. "My concern is this is not a fair trial," Mr. Basant contended. He urged the court to not "abdicate" its jurisdiction.

Appearing for the accused, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi said the petition should be dismissed. He said 207 witnesses have been examined.

21 IAS officers transferred in Karnataka; eight districts get new DCs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a major reshuffle in the bureaucracy, the State government on Friday, October 21, transferred 21 IAS officers, and appointed deputy commissioners for eight districts.

Kapil Mohan, ACS, Revenue Department has been posted as ACS, Tourism Department, and Jayaram N., who was Chairman, BWSSB, has been posted in his place as Secretary, Revenue Department.

Anil Kumar T.K., Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, has been placed in concurrent charge as Principal Secretary, Revenue Department (Disaster Management, Bhoomi and UPOR), and Dr. Prasad N.V., Secretary, Transport Department, has been given the concurrent charge of the Labour Department. Nalini Atul has been posted as CEO, Karnataka School Examination and Evaluation Board, Ashwathi S. as Commissioner, Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences.

Eight districts have got new DCs. Ramesh D.S. for Chamarajanagar, Dr. Gopal Krishna H.N. for Mandya, Dr. Rajendra K.V. for Mysuru, Prabhuling Kavalikatti for Uttara Kannada, Divya Prabhu G. R. J. for Chitradurga, Raghunandan Murthy for Haveri, Dr. Kumara for Dakshina Kannada, and Dr. Akash S for Kodagu.

A.P. is country's third home for green munia

T. Appala Naidu
GUDISA

Andhra Pradesh's sole grassland in the Gudisa reserve forest is arguably the country's third ecosystem supporting a thriving population of green munia or Green Avadavat (*Amandava formosa*).

However, the high-altitude grassland located nearly 40 km from Maredumilli in the Alluri Sitaramaraju district, is facing renewed pressure from human activity.

Mt. Abu and Central India are the only other regions where a good 'known population' of green munia can be sighted in India.

Over the past two years, a maximum of 50 green munias - a record - have been sighted during repeated field studies carried out by wildlife photographers from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

New habitat: Green Munia or Green Avadavat sighted at Gudisa grassland in Alluri Sitarama Raju district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The tiny bird is a species of open land and scrub habitats in mid-high elevation regions.

A detailed survey or baseline biodiversity data assessment on the species is yet to be commissioned by the A.P. Forest Department on the unique Gudisa grassland ecosystem.

Hyderabad-based Society for Conservation of Wildlife and Nature (SCWAN) founder and wildlife photographer Manoj Kumar Vittapu told *The Hindu:* "Last summer, our team sighted and photographed nearly 20 green munias in the grassland."

Many independent birders put the number at 50.

On condition of anonymity, a Hyderabad-based ornithologist told *The Hindu:* "Last year, we sighted a flock of nearly 18 to 20 green munias. It comprised of chicks which proved that the birds are breeding in the Gudisa grassland."

"The decline of the green munia population in the Eastern Ghats in Northern Andhra Pradesh is to be blamed on the indiscriminate usage of pesticides" Mr. Kumar said. "By 1980s, the Sunkarametta area in the foothills of the Araku Valley, was the prime habitation for the green munia. But even there, it has disappeared owing to rampant bauxite mining."

The Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Bill-2022, passed by Parliament in August, listed green munia in the 'Schedule-I' category, which covers endangered species that need rigorous protection. The birds are 'Vulnerable' as per the Red List of the International Union of Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Given the ongoing unregulated tourism activities around the Gudisa grassland, green munia's survival and their habitats are under pressure. However, conservation authorities are yet to wake up to the threat to the little birds' precious high-altitude haven.

Demanding hike, junior doctors serve strike notice

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Members of the Andhra Pradesh Junior Doctors' Association (APJUDA) on Friday served a strike notice on the government demanding that the authorities consider their demands.

APJUDA president J. Jeshwanth said the junior doctors would boycott outpatient services from October 26, and inpatient and non-emergency services from October 27.

The association had been demanding an increase in stipend for house surgeons, broad speciality PG and super speciality students.

Through choppy seas

Liz Truss's successor will have to reinvigorate flagging productivity levels

The ignominious resignation of U.K. Prime Minister Liz Truss this week may have supplied a momentary pause to the anxieties faced by the British people over months of government fumbling amidst deteriorating macroeconomic conditions, but it is hardly a panacea to what ails the economy. After a disastrous performance in office that belied the promise of putting the Conservative Party's house in order, Ms. Truss quit 45 days after entering Downing Street, the shortest ever time that a British PM has served. The pinnacle of the Truss government's fiasco was the "mini budget" of September 23, in which she and her erstwhile Chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng, displayed a breath-taking lack of sensitivity to market fragility and announced £45 billion of unfunded tax cuts. No one ought to have been surprised at the crisis that that event triggered: soaring bond yields necessitating emergency intervention in the bond market by the Bank of England, undoubtedly scuppering the central bank's attempts to get a handle on rising inflation. Firing Mr. Kwarteng, which Ms. Truss did despite backing him in formulating their tone-deaf policy proposals, hardly helped, as the crisis spiralled, causing the pound to lose value against the dollar and mortgage rates to climb, bringing economic hardship to Britons.

The U.K. recently lost its place as the world's fifth largest economy to India. At a dangerous moment in the global political economy, when Russia's invasion of Ukraine has stemmed the flow of natural gas to Europe and the U.K., leading to alarming spikes in household bills in these countries, the Conservative Party needs to ensure that a competent PM and Cabinet are quickly installed and get to work. The public mood on this point has darkened: recent polling suggests that the Labour Party is poised to sweep to power should there be a general election, even if such an event is not likely until January 2025. The revolving door at 10 Downing Street might see former Chancellor Rishi Sunak anointed as the third PM within one year or, ominously, Boris Johnson is said to be in the reckoning again despite the debacle following the Partygate scandal. The immediate task at hand for whoever is the head of government will be to set right damaged ties with Europe so that trade links are restored, and supply side bottlenecks can be resolved, and to rework immigration policies so as to reinvigorate the flagging productivity levels of the U.K. economy. If the Tories turn out not to be the party capable of the nimble, intuitive policymaking required to dig the U.K. economy out of this morass, perhaps British voters will decide to bring in their political opposition to get the job done.

Mission Down Under

India must be looking to end the drought of ICC trophies

When defending champion Australia takes on last edition's runner-up New Zealand at Sydney on Saturday, the ICC Twenty20 World Cup would have made a quick turnaround from its previous edition that was held last year in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The COVID-19 pandemic affected sport and T20's premier championship suffered multiple changes in schedule besides the logistical nightmare of venues being altered. Finally, as the virus seemingly wanes, cricket's shortest version moves Down Under during a time when the Indian Premier League (IPL), Big Bash and other mushrooming leagues are eating into the international calendar. With IPL franchises spreading footprints across the seas, especially in South Africa, contracted players are caught in an old debate borrowed from football – club versus country. For Twenty20 international fixtures often lost between forgettable bilateral contests and the glamorous sway of the IPL and other leagues, the T20 World Cup's eighth edition that has already commenced through its set of qualifiers, will offer pointers to how the game could evolve through the prism of nationalism and commerce. The big game, as advertisers prefer to label it, would pit India against Pakistan at Melbourne on Sunday. The sold-out contest is the third between the neighbours after the Asia Cup jousts in the UAE.

While those two encounters were split at 1-1, in ICC events, India often gets past Pakistan but the latter's triumph in the T20 World Cup last year offered a counter-point. Once this war minus the shooting template is dealt with, Rohit Sharma's men have other challenges lined up in the Super 12 stage before making a tilt at the semifinals and the final on November 13. India last won an ICC event during the 2013 Champions Trophy in England. Subsequently, the Men in Blue have faltered and it is a blemish that coach Rahul Dravid and Rohit want to address. Having toured Australia well in Test whites over the last five years, India may draw strength from those memories but the absence of the injured duo of Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah could affect plans. Rohit, K.L. Rahul and Virat Kohli constitute the established troika but it is a tribute to his 360 degree approach that batter Suryakumar Yadav holds the x-factor. If Hardik Pandya can lend his all-round skills, India would be served well. The return of Mohammed Shami bolsters the seam attack and if the spinners can restrict and the fielding remains agile on big Australian grounds, India may fancy its chances of replicating its trophy success from the inaugural edition in 2007.

An online fight where children need to be saved

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Last month, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted searches across States and Union Territories as part of a pan-India operation, "Megh Chakra". The operation, against the online circulation and sharing of Child Sexual Abusive Material (CSAM) using cloud-based storage, was supposedly based on inputs received from Interpol's Singapore special unit, in turn based on the information received from New Zealand. In November 2021, a similar exercise code-named "Operation Carbon" was launched by the CBI, with many being booked under the IT Act, 2000.

In India, though viewing adult pornography in private is not an offence; seeking, browsing, downloading or exchanging child pornography is an offence punishable under the IT Act. However, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) are exempted from liability for any third-party data if they do not initiate the transmission. As the public reporting of circulation of online CSAM is very low and there is no system of automatic electronic monitoring, India's enforcement agencies are largely dependent on foreign agencies for the requisite information.

American and British models

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), a non-profit organisation in the United States, operates a programme called CyberTipline, for public and electronic service providers (ESPs) to report instances of suspected child sexual exploitation. ISPs are mandated to report the identity and the location of individuals suspected of violating the law. Also, NCMEC may notify ISPs to block transmission of online CSAM. In 2021, the CyberTipline received more than 29.3 million reports (99% from ESPs) of U.S. hosted and suspected CSAM.

In the United Kingdom, the mission of the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), a non-profit organisation established by the United Kingdom's Internet industry to ensure a safe online environment for users with a particular focus on CSAM, includes disrupting the availability of CSAM and deleting such content hosted in the U.K. The IWF engages the analysts to actively search for criminal content and not just rely on reports from external sources. Though the U.K. does not explicitly mandate the reporting of suspected CSAM, ISPs may be held responsible for third party content if they hosts or caches such content on their servers. In 2021, the IWF assessed 3,61,062 reports, (about 70% reports had CSAM) and seven in 10 reports contained "self-generated" CSAM.

INHOPE, a global network of 50 hotlines (46 member countries), provides the public with a way to anonymously report CSAM. It provides secure IT infrastructure, ICCAM (I- "See" (c)-Child-Abuse-Material) hosted by Interpol, and facilitates the exchange of CSAM reports between hotlines and law enforcement agencies. ICCAM is a tool to facilitate image/video hashing/fingerprinting and reduce the number of duplicate investigations.

In 2021, the number of exchanged content URLs stood at 9,28,278, of which 4,43,705 contained illegal content. About 72% of all illegal content URLs were removed from the Internet within three days of a notice and takedown order.

India's efforts so far

In India, the Supreme Court of India, in *Shreya Singhal* (2015), read down Section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act to mean that the ISP, only upon receiving actual knowledge of the court order or on being notified by the appropriate government, shall remove or disable access to illegal contents. Thus, ISPs are exempted from the liability of any third-party information.

In the Kamlesh Vaswani (WP(C) 177/2013) case, the petitioner sought a complete ban on pornography. After the Court's intervention, the advisory committee (constituted under Section 88 of the IT Act) issued orders in March 2015 to ISPs to disable nine (domain) URLs which hosted contents in violation of the morality and decency clause of Article 19(2) of the Constitution. The petition is still pending in the Supreme Court.

'Aarambh India', a Mumbai-based non-governmental organisation, partnered with the IWF, and launched India's first online reporting portal in September 2016 to report images and videos of child abuse. These reports are assessed by the expert team of IWF analysts and offending URLs are added to its blocking list. Till 2018, out of 1,182 reports received at the portal, only 122 were found to contain CSAM.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) launched a national cybercrime reporting portal in September 2018 for filing online complaints pertaining to child pornography and rape-gang rape. This facility was developed in compliance with Supreme Court directions with regard to a public interest litigation filed by Prajwala, a Hyderabad-based NGO that rescues and rehabilitates sex trafficking survivors. As not many cases of child porn and rape were reported, the portal was later extended to all types of cybercrime. Further, the National Crime Records Bureau (MHA) signed a memorandum of understanding with the NCMEC in April 2019 to receive CyberTipline reports to facilitate action against those who upload or share CSAM in India. The NCRB has received more than two million CyberTipline reports which have been forwarded to the States for legal action.

The ad hoc Committee of the Rajya Sabha, headed by Jairam Ramesh, in its report of January 2020, made wide-ranging recommendations on 'the alarming issue of pornography on social media and its effect on children and society as whole'. On the legislative front, the committee not only recommended the widening of the definition of 'child pornography' but also proactive monitoring, mandatory reporting and taking down or blocking CSAM by ISPs.

On the technical front, the committee recommended permitting the breaking of end-to-end encryption, building partnership with industry to develop tools using artificial intelligence for dark-web investigations, tracing identity of users engaged in crypto currency transactions to purchase child pornography online and liaisoning with financial service companies to prevent online payments for purchasing child pornography.

What needs to be done

According to the ninth edition (2018) report of the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children on "Child Sexual Abusive Material: Model Legislation & Global Review", more than 30 countries now require mandatory reporting of CSAM by ISPs. Surprisingly, India also figures in this list, though, the law does not provide for such mandatory reporting.

The Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child that addresses child sexual exploitation encourages state parties to establish liability of legal persons. Similarly, the Council of Europe's Convention on Cybercrime and Convention on The Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse also requires member states to address the issue of corporate liability.

It is time India joins INHOPE and establishes its hotline to utilise Interpol's secure IT infrastructure or collaborate with ISPs and financial companies by establishing an independent facility such as the IWF or NCMEC. The Jairam Ramesh committee's recommendations must be followed up in earnest and the Prajwala case brought to a logical end. India needs to explore all options and adopt an appropriate strategy to fight the production and the spread of online CSAM. Children need to be saved.

The views expressed are personal

India needs an appropriate strategy to fight the production, the spread and the sharing of online Child Sexual Abusive Material (CSAM)

From the Great Hall, a focus on the PLA

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The People's Republic of China's (PRC) President Xi Jinping delivered a wide-ranging work report laying out the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) agenda for China over the next five years. The speech covered everything – from the economy, to the environment and technology, to Taiwan. One of the most awaited sections of his report was on the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA). Here are four important takeaways from Mr. Xi's speech for the PLA.

Policy alteration and nuclear expansion

One, the most noticeable aspect of his speech was his use of the phrase "powerful strong strategic deterrent capabilities system" (*qiangda zhanlue weishe liliang tixi*). This was missing from his previous speeches and work reports. This emphasises a slight shift in Chinese policy thinking on nuclear deterrence. As Tong Zhao, a China nuclear strategy scholar, highlights, the traditional policy of a "lean and effective nuclear force" (*jinggan youxiao*), which was only completely explained in a defence white paper in 2006, was altered in 2021 to "an advanced/high-level strategic deterrent system" (*gao shuiping zhanlue weishe tixi*).

The recent policy alteration explains the ongoing nuclear expansion in the past two years, where China has built at least 250 missile silos in three missile silo fields in Yumen, Gansu province, near Hami in Xinjiang province and Hanggin Banner, Ordos City, Inner Mongolia. An educated guess is that China is attempting to move towards a launch-on-warning (LOW) nuclear posture, meaning to launch at an adversary on detecting an incoming missile.

More importantly, the change in language along with a building of silos more conclusively establishes that China aims to increase its nuclear warhead stockpile. Currently, it has around 350 nuclear warheads, which could double in the next five to 10 years. Second, on the sections on the PLA's modernisation and China's military reforms, unlike the previous work report, the focus is more on reforming military academies, improving military logistics and resource management. The 2017 work report was published after Mr. Xi flagged off military reforms in 2015.

Logically, the first phase of reforms focused on structural and bureaucratic changes along with speeding up the modernisation (acquisition process), which was started under the Hu Jintao administration. It looks like structural reforms are completed, modernisation which is the first step to achieve mechanisation, one of the three stated goals by Mr. Xi – others being informatisation and achieving world-class status, is delayed by a couple of years but is still in process. It appears that the PLA has shifted its attention towards improving personnel policies and military education. Although this had already started in the first phase of reforms, the report indicates that it would be the focus for the next five years.

PLA training and loyalty

The report also briefly touched upon improving the PLA's military training and operations. On November 13, 2020, the Central Military Commission (CMC) issued guidelines on "Joint Operations of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (Trial)" focusing on providing guidance to the PLA on how it will conduct "integrated joint operations" with new structures, news services, and a continuously changing threat environment under emerging technologies and new battle space domains. The report reinforces this and highlights the importance for the PLA to adapt and train for "integrated joint operations".

Third, like in previous work reports, there is an added emphasis on the PLA's loyalty to the CCP. Mao Zedong, the founding father of Communist China, once famously said, "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun." The PLA's absolute loyalty is extremely crucial for the CCP and the General Secretary to rule by force. The recent work report emphasises that the PLA improves mechanisms to carry out the party's military-political work with the armed forces and to enforce party discipline within the cadre.

Earlier, following the 19th Party Congress, the CMC composition was restructured and the head of the PLA's discipline inspection commission was included over service chiefs. His inclusion in the CMC was indicative of the efforts to deepen political loyalty within the armed forces and the enduring concern about ideological weakness and corruption. This time, it is likely that the discipline inspection commissioner will retain the seat, and China will continue purging officers who could emerge as a threat to Mr. Xi or his faction in the future.

A regional focus

Finally, as Joel Wuthnow, a China security scholar, points out, this report mentions "winning the local wars" (*da ying jubu zhanzheng*). This was missing in the previous work report. The previous report only mentioned "fighting and winning wars". This indicates that the PLA, despite slowly moving towards long-ranged capabilities such as mid-air and mid-sea refuelling and commissioning vessels and aircraft that could venture into the Indian and South Pacific Oceans, still primarily focuses on regional contingencies such as Taiwan, the South China Sea and the border dispute with India.

Besides these four major takeaways, there are other minor ones such as an emphasis on the role of technology, improving force mobilisation and border defence capabilities and transfer for scientific advances to combat capabilities. These goals will not only impact the PLA's warfighting capabilities but also will alter the landscape of the Indo-Pacific region in the future.

One of the most awaited sections of Chinese leader Xi Jinping's wide-ranging work report was on the Chinese People's Liberation Army; there are far-reaching implications

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Exit Truss

One must appreciate the courage and the sincerity of purpose in British Prime Minister Liz Truss who did not waste time in resigning as the Prime Minister following her inability to run the government according to her declared mandate. The next leader needs nerves of steel to manage a very difficult situation.

K. Nehru Patnaik,
Visakhapatnam

Ms. Truss's resignation will go down in history as an honest admission of her failure to deliver on a mandate. The next Prime Minister has a tough road ahead.

Prabhu Raj R.,
Bengaluru

Hindi alone counsel

Studying a new language is empowering, so there should always be an option for school pupils to study a new language. If they are really interested in pursuing this, they should be encouraged. On the issue of making Hindi a compulsory language, it has to strike a chord in non-Hindi speaking States. Everyone has the right to select and learn a language of his choice (Editorial page, October 21).

M. Jayadeva Varma,
Kottayam, Kerala

There needs to be a gradual process to get people to learn Hindi, with motivation and incentives. It has not helped to have politicians spewing venom, thereby curbing intelligent minds from learning Hindi. There is also a "national" party with its Hindi protagonists. Any attempt at having Hindi alone as the medium of education and examination will end fair opportunities for non-Hindi speakers. I hope that there is wisdom and the future of India's youth in mind.

N. Rengarajan,
Chennai

The fact is that you cannot survive on/with Hindi alone in today's technology-driven and scientific world that relies on English. The 'removal' of English will affect students.

K. Jaganathan,
Chennai

To divide India into two language groups is too simplistic. Its strength lies in widespread multilingualism. Yes, knowledge of more than one language is advantageous. But attempts to promote a 'preferred language' have to be sensitive to the presence of other languages, especially in the non-Hindi belt.

P.K. Misra,
Mysuru

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Torrential rains in September in Chikkamagaluru district of Karnataka have destroyed coffee plantations and damaged estate infrastructure. Most coffee growers fear that the frequently occurring pattern of droughts and floods could wipe out plantations. MURALI KUMAR K.

A crisis is brewing in the coffee industry

Coffee cultivation is becoming an increasingly loss-making proposition in India. Already weighed down by the high cost of inputs and production as well as labour shortage, the industry is now also affected by changes in climate patterns, reports **Mini Tejaswi** from Karnataka's coffee heartland

Bose Mandanna was devastated when torrential rains in September thrashed the coffee plants in his plantation and left tender berries and leaves strewn everywhere. The plants stood partially submerged in water for weeks at Subramanya Estate in Suntikoppa in Kodagu district of south Karnataka. Soon, the plants began to rot. Mandanna was among the hundreds of coffee growers in the region to suffer this plight.

In the coffee heartland of Karnataka, comprising the Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru and Hassan districts, big and small planters narrate stories of destruction caused by heavy rains between July and September. The impact of the rains continues, with diseases affecting plants, and estate infrastructure suffering long-term damage. Plantations in Wayanad in Kerala and Palani in Tamil Nadu have also suffered similar losses. "Erratic weather conditions are helping pests to breed and new diseases to emerge,'' says H.T. Pramod, former Chairman of Karnataka Planters' Association (KPA) and owner of Hulikere Estate in Chikkamagaluru.

Drastic changes in climate patterns over the last few years have adversely impacted India's coffee production and the quality of the crop. There were dry spells between 2015 and 2017 and unseasonal heavy rains, floods and landslides between 2018 and 2022. According to the Coffee Board of India's post-blossom estimate, production for the 2022 crop year was estimated at 3,93,400 metric tonnes. But given the extreme climatic conditions, it is anticipated to be some 30% lower.

The KPA reported fruit rot, stalk rot, root rot and other irreparable damage due to heavy rainfall and landslides. "Affected by stalk rot and root rot, berries turned black and dropped," says KPA Chairman N. Ramanathan. "Coffee growers are facing a severe financial crisis due to the vagaries of nature." The KPA expects this year's production to be down by 35%. "Coffee, which is supposed to be harvested by December, is largely damaged," says Mandanna, who is also a former member of the Coffee Board.

Most growers fear that the frequently occurring pattern of droughts and floods could wipe out plantations. "Sturdy and weather-resistant varieties of coffee may help, but sadly the government is not providing adequate funds to coffee research stations to develop these," says Pramod.

Cost of financing and existing debts

Climate change has only compounded the financial issues of growers that have been in the making for long. The volatility in market prices and the reduced influence of producers in the value chain render coffee cultivation an increasingly loss-making proposition. "Producers are getting marginalised. This is rapidly turning out to be a buyer-driven commodity market," says Ajoy Thipaiah, Coffee Committee Chairman of the United Planters' Association of Southern India (UPASI).

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> Former Chairman, Karnataka Planters' Association

More than 75% of Indian coffee production is exported. This has an impact on the cost competitiveness of Indian coffee vis-à-vis the coffee that is exported from other producer regions, especially since those growers get their finances at very low interest rates, explains Mr. Thipaiah.

According to Jeffry Rebello, President, UPASI, the cost of financing is one of the biggest challenges of the coffee sector. Most private banks insist that growers provide collateral for financing. Since small and medium-size growers are invariably not in a position to provide collateral, the interest rates are high, at around 12%. International interest rates, on the other hand, are negligible, mostly in single digits. This is an advantage for competing coffee-producing regions.

Although the latest position of the industry's debt outstanding is not available, as per the information compiled by UPASI at the end of 2019, there were around 1,98,000 short-term loan accounts and 5,05,000 long-term loan accounts outstanding, amounting to ₹395.54 crore and ₹40.4 crore, respectively. UPASI and other producer associations have already requested the Coffee Board to recommend the implementation of a special package in line with the Special Coffee Term Loan, expected to be announced later this year, to rescue coffee growers.

"Also, due to the rise in the cost of inputs year on year and the increase in the cost of labour and benefits, which constitute 60% to 70% of total plantation expenditure, coffee growers are left with very little money in hand. This is not adequate to repay loans," says Ramanathan.

In spite of requests from coffee associations and circulars from the Reserve Bank of India and the State Level Bankers' Committee, banks have not restructured the loans. The accounts of many coffee growers have turned to non-performing assets (NPAs). These growers are now facing recovery proceedings under the SARFAESI Act (Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act), which gives banks the right to possess the security provided by the defaulting borrower against the loan and sell it to recover losses, without any intervention by any court of law. The KPA had also made a representation to the Union government requesting it to exclude plantations from the provisions of the SARFAESI Act and from the purview of CIBIL (Credit Information Bureau India Limited). "Banks are only worried about controlling their NPAs. Home loans and vehicle loans are now cheaper than agriculture loans, and interests are on the rise in general," says Rohith Halase Rajagopal of Hoowinahuckloo and Kerehuckloo Estates in Balehonnur, Chikkamagaluru.

Workers plant new saplings in Chikkamagaluru district. MURALI KUMAR K.

Low productivity, high cost of production

In India, production of coffee is low while the cost of production is on the rise compared to other coffee countries such as Vietnam and Brazil. In Brazil, labour charges account for 25% of the entire production cost, but in India, planters say they account for about 65%. It is possible to bring down the cost of production to some extent through mechanisation, but India's coffee terrains and topography limit this possibility. At the same time, Indian coffee has a unique positioning as it is shade-grown and grown at elevations, while other major producing countries grow coffee in flat lands.

"We need to take advantage of this by aggressively promoting our shade-grown coffee in the global markets," says a UPASI representative. However, Shirish Vijayendra, former chairman of the KPA, says, "There is no official price setting mechanism even in the domestic market. So, traders and curers are calling the shots and fixing prices, and growers are at their mercy."

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> Coffee Committee Chairman, United Planters' Association of Southern India

The cost of production per acre has gone up substantially to ₹80,000-85,000 from ₹50,000 five years ago. The cost of inputs around coffee such as fertilizers and agrochemicals has increased by almost 20% in a year, says Ramesh Rajah, President, Coffee Exporters' Association.

According to Ashok Kurien Kandathil, Managing Director of Balanoor Plantations and Industry at Jayapura, Chikkamagaluru, plantations face power cuts during the summer months. This makes irrigation expensive as the cost of diesel is high. "The high cost of inputs leads to the high cost of production which is the main problem for coffee growers. It makes coffee cultivation unviable," Kandathil says. Earlier, the cost of production would go up by 4% to 5% annually, but now it goes up at least 20% annually, notes Anil Kumar Bhandari, President of India Coffee Trust and a large planter from Suntikoppa in Kodagu.

There is increasingly a shortage of labour while the cost of labour is on the rise in the coffee sector. The children of workers in all the three coffee-growing States – Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala – prefer to move to urban areas. This means plantations are forced to depend heavily on migrant labours who are unskilled. "A lot of effort, time and energy has to be invested in training migrant labours. As wage costs are not linked to productivity, growers are mandated to pay the usual wage along with other social costs such as housing and medicines, which adds up some 30% more to the wages," says Rajah.

Most plantations simply don't find skilled labour, especially for tasks such as shade-lopping, pruning, and borer tracing, says Vijayendra.

The way forward

The way forward, many feel, is finding alternative sources of revenue and increasing domestic consumption on the one hand and branding and promoting Indian coffee better in the global market on the other.

Coffee Board CEO K.G. Jagadeesha says growers should create additional revenue streams through inter-cropping or through innovative measures. According to the board, in addition to traditional inter-cropping of pepper and cardamom, coffee growers could try planting exotic fruit-bearing trees, food crops, or getting into fish farming, dairy farming, apiary or green tourism to increase incomes from their coffee gardens.

In fact, some like Arasu, a progressive farmer from Thandikudi in Dindigul district in Tamil Nadu, and B.H Mohankumar, from Sakleshpur in Chikkamagaluru district, are growing avocados, mangosteens, oranges, guavas and other fruit-bearing trees, amid their coffee plants. In some seasons they say they have even earned more money from these than from coffee and pepper.

"Considering the change in land use, the government could permit growers to plant alternate crops in a land not suitable for coffee cultivation. Timely conversion will prevent growers from going financially sick," says Kandathil.

Identity crisis in global markets

On the brand front, Indian coffee is still facing an identity crisis in global markets, although the country started exporting coffee actively before the 19th century.

Indian coffee is highly rated and commands premium prices in the global coffee markets. But a global buyer of Indian coffee may not know about the brew's India connection as they would have bought it from a coffee roaster. The fact that India sells Robusta and Arabic at a price higher than the hugely advertised Colombia is an indication of the brand building done by the Indian exporter and the quality of Indian coffee. Yet, Indian coffee does not have an individual brand identity in the international markets, say growers and exporters. "Indian coffee was never considered a separate origin coffee. It was always used as filler," says Mandanna.

This is despite Indian coffee offering innumerable flavours, aromas and blends. The commodity, for several decades, enjoyed a special position in India's export lists. According to Mandanna, coffee was an important export item for the Union government, when the commodity's exports were in the range of ₹4,000-₹5,000 crore annually. But around 20 years ago, with the IT and services sector dominating the exports industry, coffee lost its prominence in the power corridors, especially in the Ministry of Commerce.

Coffee has high value and high imagery potential at home and overseas markets, says Harish Bijoor, branding expert and CEO of Harish Bijoor Consults Inc. Over the years the humble berry has been able to value-add. From being handled and sold as a berry, a green bean, a processed bean, a roasted bean and now a roasted and ground offering, coffee has climbed the hierarchy of value-addition, he says.

"India has several speciality coffees and over three dozen estate brands for the global markets. Many more are in the making. The cuppers, graders and tasters are trying to tell a unique story about the origin of a particular coffee. Indian green coffee on its own is capable of fetching premium prices in the global markets," says Sunalini Menon, founder of Bangalore-based Coffeelab.

Even after getting out of the shackles of the pooling system in 1996, in which the Coffee Board and the government controlled the trade of coffee, the bean maintained a special status as a valuable export commodity for a long time. It earned recognition across the agriculture, commerce, finance and environment ministries as a serious forex earner for the exchequer.

India's share in the global coffee market may be less than 5%, but the coffee sector is hopeful that the Coffee Act and the new Coffee (Promotion and Development Bill), 2022, will do away the 80-year-old coffee regulation and usher in change. As a precursor, the Coffee Board has embarked on a series of initiatives to unleash the full potential of the cuppa in the domestic and global markets. It is working on a separate India brand and certification system for coffee growers.

The coffee community in India, comprising close to 4 lakh coffee growers, hundreds of large planters, associations that represent growers, planters, curers and exporters, and over a dozen Fair Trade Organisations, hopes to boost coffee in the domestic and international markets and counter the problems the industry faces.

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Take immediate action against hate speech: SC

The petitioner said the "total inaction" on the part of the police in the three States had given rise to "despondency and angst" within the Muslim community. The petitioner alleged that events organised in Delhi and Haridwar in 2021 hosted hate speeches by leaders who made open calls for the genocide of Muslims.

The order even highlighted some of the specific provisions of the penal law under which hate speech offenders ought to be booked. These include Sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on the ground of religion), 153B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration), 505 (public mischief), 295A (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings) of the Indian Penal Code.

"Where have we reached? What have we reduced religion to? It is tragic... and we speak of scientific temper..." Justice Joseph said after reading out instances of hate speeches and what was said by the speakers. "Very shocking statements have been made in a country that has to be religion-neutral," Justice Roy noted.

After 4 years, Pakistan is out of FATF 'grey list'

In a statement, FATF said that it "welcomes Pakistan's significant progress" in its AML/CFT mechanisms.

India has protested Pakistan's lack of action against cross-border terror groups responsible for attacks on India, but sources said went along with the final decision, as there was consensus in the room, and Pakistan had submitted "documentary evidence" of its actions against designated terrorists. "As a result of FATF scrutiny, Pakistan has been forced to take some action against well known terrorists, including those involved in attacks against the entire international community in Mumbai on 26/11 attack" MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, referring to the 2008 attacks in which 166 people were killed, and 294 injured.

"It is in global interest that the world remains clear that Pakistan must continue to take credible, verifiable, irreversible and sustained action against terrorism and terrorist financing emanating from territories under its control," he added.

Imran barred from polls over corruption charges

The police detained one of Khan's security guards after he fired a shot into the ground.

In the eastern city of Lahore, his supporters blocked some roads, while in Faisalabad, they used burning tyres to stop traffic. On Twitter, Islamabad police said security in the capital was on "high alert".

Pakistan's courts are often used to tie up lawmakers in lengthy proceedings that rights monitors criticise for stifling political opposition, but the commission's involvement in this case stems from the obligation of elected officials to declare all their assets.

Unless overturned by the courts, Mr. Khan's ban will stymie one of his key tactics to disrupt the country's political process as he presses for a general election ahead of the one scheduled for October next year.

'Terrorism is the worst form of human rights violation'

Home Minister Amit Shah makes recommendation to Interpol on setting up a global network connecting counter-terror and anti-narcotics agencies with real-time information exchange

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday recommended to the Interpol that setting up permanent counter-terrorism and anti-narcotics real-time information exchange platforms would further strengthen the fight against the global menaces, underlining that the spread of terrorist ideologies via online radicalisation should not be viewed as a political problem.

Speaking at the concluding session of the Interpol's 90th General Assembly, Mr. Shah said India was committed to extending all possible technical and manpower assistance to the global police organisation in this regard.

Describing terrorism as the worst form of human rights violation, the Home Minister said a general consensus would have to be developed on the definitions of "terrorism" and "terrorist". The narratives of "good" and "bad" terrorism and "small" and "big" terrorism would weaken the fight against the threat which was high on Interpol's priority list. "We also need to achieve a consensus on the cross-border propagation of terrorist ideologies through online radicalisation. We cannot consider this a political problem," he said.

Working together: Amit Shah being welcomed by Interpol President Ahmed Naser Al Raisi at the summit in New Delhi. R.V. MOORTHY

"We should ensure that the fight against terrorism is sustained, comprehensive and continuous, for which India is committed to working with the Interpol," said Mr. Shah, adding that the Interpol was the best platform to achieve the objective of countering cross-border terrorism through "across the border cooperation".

Mr. Shah said that in several countries, Interpol's nodal agencies and counter-terror organisations were different. For a united response, he suggested that there should be a permanent real-time information exchange line between the counter-terror agencies across the world.

"I would suggest that Interpol should prepare a plan for the next 50 years on the basis of its experience and achievements over the past 100 years," he said, adding that a study team should be formed for the purpose and the plan should be reviewed and updated every five years.

Most hotspots free from anti-national activities, says Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

He highlighted the major role the police played during the COVID-19 pandemic

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday that most "hotspots" in the country are almost free from anti-national activities. He highlighted the major role the police played during the COVID-19 pandemic, be it enforcement of rules or helping stranded migrants.

Mr. Shah was speaking on the occasion of the National Police Commemoration Day that is observed in the memory of 10 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel who were killed on this day in 1959 in an ambush by Chinese troops in Ladakh's Hot Spring area.

He said more than 70% decline has been recorded in incidents of violence in North east and the Modi government has removed the special powers given to the armed forces and instead, accorded "special powers" to the youngsters of this region for their bright future.

"The situation in Jammu and Kashmir is such that those who used to pelt stones earlier have now become 'panches' and 'sarpanches' (elected village heads) and are participating in the development of the region in a democratic manner," he said.

Mr. Shah said India is proceeding on the path of development due to the "supreme sacrifice" made by over 35,000 police and paramilitary personnel.

Tapan Kumar Deka, Director, Intelligence Bureau said that a total of 264 police and Central Armed Police Force personnel laid down their lives in the line of duty over the last year.

Modi's many trips to Gujarat mean BJP not in good shape: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi should set up a camp office of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in Gujarat, the Congress said on Friday while taking a dig at Mr. Modi's frequent visits to his home State.

The party also alleged that the BJP is campaigning for the Gujarat Assembly polls at taxpayers' money by holding back-to-back programmes of the Prime Minister.

'Anger against party'

Addressing a press conference, Gujarat All India Congress Committee incharge Raghu Sharma claimed that the frequent visits of Mr. Modi indicated that all was not well with the BJP and there was a lot of anger against the party.

Mr. Sharma said the BJP in the State was "anti-tribal" and it was evident from the recent attacks on Congress MLA and tribal leader Anant Patel, who was also present at the press conference. He alleged that the attack was done at the behest of Gujarat BJP chief C.R. Patil.

Questioning the delay in announcing the poll dates for Gujarat by the Election Commission, Mr. Sharma said, "That is because several programmes of the Prime Minister are lined up. The BJP has not a single programme, all the programmes are at the government's expense. Each programme is costing about ₹12 crore and all this is taxpayers' money".

The Congress leader accused the new entrants, the Aam Aadmi Party and the AIMIM, as "B-teams" of the BJP, as they were aiding the saffron party in elections across the country, including in Gujarat.

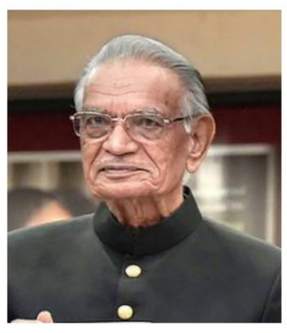
Shivraj Patil's remarks on *jihad* in Bhagavad Gita are unacceptable, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Distancing itself from the controversial comments of former Home Minister and senior Congress leader Shivraj Patil on the Bhagavad Gita, the Congress on Friday said the remarks were unacceptable and asserted that the scripture was a key foundational pillar of Indian civilisation.

Speaking at a book launch, Mr. Patil had claimed the concept of *jihad* was not just in Islam but also in the *Bhagavad Gita* and in Christianity.

"My senior colleague Shivraj Patil reportedly made some comments on Bhagavad Gita that's unacceptable. Subsequently, he clarified. The Congress's stand is clear. Bhagavad Gita is a key foundational pillar of Indian civilisation," Congress general secretary for communication Jairam Ramesh said on Twitter.



Shivraj Patil had made the comments at a book launch event on Thursday.

Nehru's view

Mr. Ramesh also shared an extract from Jawaharlal Nehru's book *The Discovery of India*, in which the former Prime Minister wrote: "The message of the Gita is not sectarian or addressed to any particular school of thought. It is universal in its approach for everyone, Brahmin or outcaste. 'All paths lead to me,' it says. It is because of this universality that it has found favour with all classes and schools."

On Thursday, at the launch of the biography of Congress veteran Mohsina Kidwai, Mr. Patil expounded on the concept of *jihad* in Islam and compared it with other faiths. He said the concept comes to fore "when despite having the right intentions and doing the right thing, nobody understands or reciprocates, then it is said one can use force."

"It is not just in *Quran*, but in *Mahabharata* also. The part in *Gita*, Shri Krishna also talks of *jihad* to Arjun and this thing is not just in *Quran* or *Gita* but also in Christianity," Mr. Patil claimed in his remarks in Hindi.

(With PTI inputs)

Remark on former PM was wrong, says Tavleen

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Senior journalist Tavleen Singh conceded on Friday that she had wrongly accused former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of violating the Official Secrets Act after pressure from the Congress asking her to produce evidence.

Congress leader Praveen Chakravarti asked Ms. Singh to tender a public apology or face legal consequence. In response Ms. Singh said in a tweet, "I was talking about Sonia Gandhi having been *de facto* PM and government files being sent to her as said by Sanjay Baru in his book."

But Mr. Baru interceded to say that his book did not mention anything to this effect. "If Sanjay Baru says that his book doesn't mention a violation of the Official Secrets Act, I am happy to admit that I was wrong about that," she tweeted.

Message from the hills: Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Kedarnath in Rudraprayag district, on Friday. PTI

Spend at least 5% of travel expenses on local products: Modi

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged citizens to spend 5% of their travel expenditure on buying local goods whenever they travel.

"I can't order people but I can request all of you to at least spend 5% of your total travel expenses – be it a spiritual or a leisure trip – in buying local products from the people where ever you travel. This will help increase the income of the locals manifold," he said.

He also lauded the local vendors in Mana, the last village of Uttarakhand, for using digital platforms for financial transactions, giving a boost to the digital India mission.

The PM was speaking at a rally after laying the foundation stone of road and ropeway projects worth over ₹3,400 crore the village.

Noting that Mana village is known as the last village at India's borders, the Prime Minister said, "For me, every village at the border is the first village of the country and the people residing near the border make for the country's strong guard."

Are Great Indian Bustards now migrating to Pakistan?

SPECIAL

Mohammed Iqbal
JAIPUR

The recent sighting of three Great Indian Bustards (GIBs) deep in Pakistan's Cholistan desert has given rise to speculation that the endangered birds might have flown across the international border from India's Desert National Park (DNP). GIBs are critically endangered in Pakistan because of lack of protection and rampant hunting.

An Islamabad-based wildlife photographer, Syed Rizwan Mehboob, released pictures and a video of the GIBs after spotting them in southern Punjab province's Cholistan game reserve earlier this month. Though he did not claim that the GIBs had arrived from India, environmental activists in Jaisalmer district say the birds might have migrated due to their shrinking habitat.

The GIB – the State bird of Rajasthan – is considered India's most critically endangered bird and is protected under the Wildlife Protection Act. Its population of about 150 in Rajasthan accounts for 95% of its total world population. The captive breeding of GIBs was taken up in the DNP through a project executed by the Dehradun-based Wildlife Institute of India in 2019. As many as 24 GIB chicks are being reared in DNP by a team supported by the International Fund for Houbara Conservation of United Arab Emirates.

As Rajasthan shares the international border with Pakistan's Sindh and Punjab provinces, it is suspected that the GIBs might have flown across to the neighbouring country's desert amid fears that they could become easy prey for the poachers there.

Beyond borders: A Great Indian Bustard clicked in Pakistan's Cholistan reserve by Syed Rizwan Mehboob.

DNP Deputy Conservator of Forests Ashish Vyas told *The Hindu* that several GIBs had been tagged for behavioural studies and monitoring of their movements. "They forage in the Thar desert area, which is their natural habitat, and no GIB from the Indian side has migrated to Pakistan," he said.

Tourism & Wildlife Society of India secretary Harsh Vardhan said the GIBs reaching Cholistan was a possibility if one considers the likelihood of their stoppage at several places to consume feed and replenish their energy lost in flying. "They would fly to that region only if there was no feed within and outside the DNP or if they felt there was less space for movement and raising their family," he said.

Navlakha's medical reports can be inspected: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday allowed parties on the side of jailed activist Gautam Navlakha to inspect the medical reports of his treatment at Jaslok Hospital where he is being taken for consultations.

A Bench led by Justice K.M. Joseph scheduled the case for further hearing on November 9. Mr. Navlakha had approached the court with a plea to shift him from Taloja Jail to house arrest on medical grounds.

On September 29, the court had ordered Mr. Navlakha, arrested in 2018 in the Bhima Koregaon case, to be taken immediately to a hospital of his choice for thorough medical check up and treatment.

Mr. Navlakha, the court said, would remain in police custody during his stay at the hospital. "The hospital authority will send up the report to this court by the next date of hearing," the court order had said.

INBRIEF

Maharashtra restores consent to CBI to conduct probes

The Maharashtra government on Thursday reversed the erstwhile Maha Vikas Aghadi government's decision of withdrawing the general consent to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate cases in the State. The Shinde-Fadnavis government's decision is being construed as a major setback for the Opposition MVA coalition, given that it clears decks for the CBI to probe Opposition leaders and cases of a political import.

Guidelines issued to prevent honour killing, mob lynching

Almost five years after directions from the Supreme Court to State governments to frame guidelines to prevent cases of honour killings, mob lynching and mob violence in the State, the Maharashtra government issued directions to set up helplines in every district to report such cases of hate crime. Maharashtra Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis issued the government resolution (GR) on Thursday.

Tejas to be integrated with BrahMos-NG missile in a few years

Dinakar Peri
GANDHINAGAR

The NG will weigh only half as much as the current air-launched version

In the next few years, the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Tejas, will be able to carry and launch the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile. This will be possible once the lighter version of the supersonic cruise missile, BrahMos-NG (next generation), is ready, according to the company officials.

"The BrahMos-NG development is expected to make first flight in two years and will be ready for production in 2-3 years after that. The focus of the development as of now is on the air-launched version," a BrahMos official said on the sidelines of DefExpo 2022.

The NG will weigh almost half as much as the current air-launched version, making it possible to be mounted on the LCA in future, the official said. Stating that during the development phase it is being integrated on the Su-30MKI, the official said it would later be integrated on the LCA and also other fighters of the Air Force.

The current air-launched missile weighs 2.65 tonne, which will come down to 1.33 tonne with the NG. With this, a SU-30MKI will be able to carry up to four BrahMos-NG missiles, while the LCA can carry two missiles, the official added.

The missile can be launched from land, sea, sub-sea and air against surface and sea-based targets and has been long inducted by Indian armed forces.

Army chopper crashes in Arunachal; 4 bodies found

The Advanced Light Helicopter with five personnel on board met with the tragedy near Tuting in Upper Siang district; a team of police and administrative officials are investigating the cause

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GUWAHATI

A military helicopter with five personnel on board crashed in the Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh on Friday morning. The site is close to the border with China.

Defence officials said the bodies of four personnel were recovered from where the advanced light helicopter (ALH) crashed at 10:43 a.m. near Migging village south of nearest town from Tuting. The ALH had taken off from Likabali on the Arunachal Pradesh-Assam border for a routine sortie.

"A joint search and rescue operation by Army and Air Force was launched immediately with a MI-17 chopper, two ALHs and three columns of the Army. We have recovered the bodies of four individuals till now," a defence spokesperson based at central Assam's Tezpur said.

"The cause of the crash is not known at this stage. Details are being ascertained," he said.

Fatal crash: Smoke billows after an advanced light helicopter of the Indian Army crashed at Migging in Arunachal Pradesh. PTI

Based on the information from locals, the district authorities said the ALH crashed on a mountain closer to Migging, a village about 25 km from Tuting.

Upper Siang Superintendent of Police, Jummar Basar, said a team of police and administrative officials set off for the crash site after the incident. Locals, acquainted with the terrain, assisted the search and rescue operation, he said.

Tuting, more than 30 km from the Line of Actual Control, is about 170 km north of Yingkiong, the Upper Siang district headquarters.

This is the second crash of a military helicopter since October 5 when a Cheetah crash-landed near Tawang, killing an Army officer and injuring another.

INBRIEF

India tests medium-range ballistic missile Agni Prime

India on Friday successfully test-fired indigenously-developed new generation medium-range ballistic missile Agni Prime from the Odisha coast, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) sources said. The sleek missile was test-fired from a mobile launcher from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island around 9:45 a.m, they said. The solid-fuelled missile met all mission parameter during the test, sources added. All its navigation was tracked and monitored by radars and telemetry equipment positioned along various points. The missile's strike range is between 1,000 km and 2,000 km. The last trial of the missile was conducted on December 18 last year from the same base, which was also successful. PTI

ST Commission issues arrest warrant for M.P. Collector

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes has now issued a warrant of arrest for Pankaj Jain, Collector and District Magistrate of Dhar district in Madhya Pradesh, after he refused to appear before it in connection with allegations of villagers that the district administration was refusing to act against a stone-crushing unit, allegedly illegally set up in the middle of their village. Invoking its powers as a civil court under Clause (8) of Article 338A of the Constitution, the Commission said that Mr. Jain was served a summon this month to appear before it but he did not turn up. The NCST said that he had been absconding and keeping out of the way to avoid service of summons.

AIIMS withdraws SOP order following protest by doctors

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, on Friday withdrew with immediate effect an order which it claimed was brought in, earlier this month, to streamline treatment facilities for all sitting parliamentarians coming to the health facility. The order, issued by newly appointed AIIMS Director Dr. M. Srinivas, faced immediate and strong disapproval from doctors within and outside the institution. They called it a move to encourage "VIP culture" at the government hospital. The Director had written to joint secretary in the Lok Sabha secretariat, Y.M. Kandpal, regarding the SOPs that would be in place for the MPs.

SC refuses man's petition seeking to be appointed as President

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday blankly refused the plea of a man for a direction to treat him as an "undisputed candidate" for the 2022 Presidential election, for his appointment as President and payment of "salaries" drawn by the past Presidents from 2004.

A Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud found the petition filed by Kishore Jagannath Sawant "frivolous and an abuse of the process of the court". Mr. Sawant said he was an environmental activist.

Mr. Sawant, who appeared in person, claimed in court that his case would "redefine the basic ethos of democratic constitution in the country".

He said that, as a citizen, he had every right to contest government policies. To this, Justice Chandrachud replied that the court, likewise, had the duty to decide.

"You have no right to file frivolous petitions. You can stand outside on the road and give a speech but you cannot come to court and occupy public time in such frivolous petitions," Justice Chandrachud said.

State governments cannot enter into broadcasting on their own: I&B Ministry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Information and Broadcasting Ministry on Friday issued an advisory stating that no Ministry or department of the governments at the Centre, States and Union Territories and their associated entities should enter into broadcasting or distribution of broadcasting activities in future.

Those already broadcasting their content have been told to get it done through the public broadcaster, Prasar Bharati, and the entities distributing the broadcasting content have been asked to "extract themselves" from it by December 31, 2023.

The Ministry said the advisory had been issued in view of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's (TRAI) recommendation, the Supreme Court judgment in the Cricket Association of Bengal case and the Law Ministry's legal opinion. The move may have political implications as among those could be impacted by the advisory are Tamil Nadu's Kalvi TV and Arasu Cable, besides the Andhra Pradesh government's IPTV.

Stating that the I&B Ministry was the nodal agency for all the matters related to broadcasting, the advisory said the power of legislation on issues of "posts and telegraphs, telephones, wireless, broadcasting and other like forms of communication" and exclusive privilege to grant licences in respect of "telegraphs and power" rested with the Centre.

In 2012, the TRAI had suggested that the Central and State governments, their companies, undertakings, joint ventures with the private sector and the entities funded by the governments should not be allowed to enter the business of broadcasting. It relied upon the Sarkaria Commission's recommendation and the Cricket Association case verdict.

"The importance of Prasar Bharati, which is an independent statutory body, should also not be lost sight of. The TRAI has suggested that the body should fulfil the legitimate aspirations of government entities as regards broadcasting activities, while at the same time recommending the 'arm's length' relationship between Prasar Bharati and the government be further strengthened to enhance its autonomy and functional independence," said the advisory.

To implement the decision, the entry of Central/State/Union Territory governments into broadcast activity for educational purposes would be allowed through Prasar Bharati route. Till then, uninterrupted broadcast of the ongoing education channels and other scheduled programmes would be allowed.

Central route: Any broadcasting by government departments should be via Prasar Bharati, the advisory said. FILE PHOTO

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1.	**Tender No: DCE/2021-22/IND1124/Call-2** "Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Components for 6500 ICT Enabled Classrooms for the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education"	21.10.2022	27.10.2022 11.00 AM	10.11.2022 5.30 PM

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Office of the Chief Engineer (SCM & CSC),
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INBRIEF

SC rejects plea seeking probe into Taj Mahal's history

The Supreme Court on Friday junked a plea seeking a "fact-finding inquiry" into the history of the Taj Mahal and the "opening of 22 rooms" on the monument's premises, terming it "publicity interest litigation". A Bench of justices M.R. Shah and M.M. Sundresh refused to interfere with the Allahabad High Court order that had dismissed the plea. "The High Court was not in error in dismissing the petition, which is more of a publicity interest litigation," the Bench said. The HC had, on May 12, said petitioner Rajneesh Singh, who is the media in-charge of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Ayodhya unit, had failed to point out which of his legal or constitutional rights were being infringed. PTI

SC agrees to hear fresh plea in Bilkis Bano case

The Supreme Court agreed on Friday to hear a fresh plea moved by a women's organisation, challenging the remission of sentence and the release of convicts in the 2002 Bilkis Bano gang-rape case, which also involves the killing of seven of her family members during the Gujarat riots. The top court was hearing a plea filed by the National Federation of Indian Women, challenging the remission of sentence and the release of convicts in the case. The court had, on October 18, said the Gujarat government's reply to petitions challenging the remission is very bulky, wherein a series of judgments have been quoted but factual statements are missing. It said it will hear the matter on November 29. PTI

Cyclone likely to touch Bengal coast on Tuesday, says IMD

A low-pressure system over the Andaman Sea is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm and reach West Bengal-Bangladesh coasts on October 25, causing wind gusting to 110 km per hour, the IMD said on Friday. Sanjib Bandopadhyay, the deputy director-general of Regional Met Centre in Kolkata, said that the system is likely to cause light to moderate rain in Gangetic West Bengal. He said that it is likely to cause light to moderate rain in Kolkata on October 24 and 25. "It will not be a super cyclone and further movement of the system will be updated by the IMD in due course," Bandopadhyay said. PTI

Punjab restores old pension scheme for govt. employees

The Punjab government on Friday approved the restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for the State government employees. The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. An official statement said that the employees would be given the option of adopting the Old Pension Scheme or the New Pension Scheme (NPS). The OPS for employees was discontinued in the year 2004 and ever since, government employees were under the NPS. However, the employees had been long demanding the restoration of OPS, said the statement.

Central panel to probe 'illegal' felling of trees in Corbett National Park

The National Green Tribunal took cognisance of the matter following a report published in *The Hindu* and said it would direct the Union Government to form the committee

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal on Friday told the forest officials of Uttarakhand that it would direct the Union government to form a committee to probe the matter of 'illegal tree cutting' in Jim Corbett National Park.

The apex green court had earlier taken cognisance of *The Hindu's* report on felling of trees in the Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR). The report had quoted a Forest Survey of India (FSI) report saying that over 6,000 trees were illegally cut to facilitate the Pakhru tiger safari project at the tiger reserve.

Mr Samir Sinha, Chief Wildlife Warden of Uttarakhand, who appeared before the NGT on Friday, told *The Hindu* that the State government had apprised the court about steps taken in the matter of 'alleged illegal tree cutting". "The court said it would direct the Centre to form a committee to investigate the allegations," he added.

Green cover: Habitat protection is key for tigers to thrive. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

The FSI report stated that over 6,000 trees were illegally cut in the CTR against the permission given for 163. The State forest department, however, refuted the FSI's claims and said there were some technical issues which needed to be resolved before they could accept the report.

The matter of thousands of trees being felled illegally was also highlighted by Gaurav Bansal, an environment activist and lawyer based in Delhi. Mr. Bansal later made a complaint to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in which he alleged that 10,000 trees were cut in the protected area.

Taking cognisance of the complaint, the State had asked the FSI to access the number of trees felled in the designated area inside the tiger reserve. After compiling the report in around 9 months on the Pakhru block, Kalushaheed block, Nalkhatta block, and Kalagarh block in the area, the FSI has come up with an observation that the area cleared under CTR is estimated at 16.21 hectare (hac). An estimated 6,093 trees were cleared from the area, a senior official of the Uttarakhand forest department, who did not wish to be named, told *The Hindu*.

Meanwhile, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of the Forest Force, Vinod Singhal accepted that the FSI found that 6,421 trees were illegally cut. He also maintained that the forest department had some issues with the FSI report and hence it has not been accepted yet.

Do not ignore food insecurity in country, activists tell Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Global Hunger Index had flagged malnutrition in India.

Activists of the Right to Food Campaign have accused the Centre here on Friday of diverting the issue of hunger away from the real situation on the ground and the food and nutritional insecurity in the country. Countering the Centre's stand on the Global Hunger Index that it overlooked Central schemes and that the sample size of the survey was too small, the activists argued that the survey was validated by the national data on unemployment and stagnant wages.

They said there had been a worsening in food security both in quantity and quality compared to the pre-COVID period for about 41% of the population. The activists urged the Centre to stop inadequate policy response to address the problem and to hold the census at the earliest to find the number of people without ration cards. They said about 12 crore people in the country had not been enrolled in the ration cards.

Talking to reporters, activists Anjali Bhardwaj, Dipa Sinha, Harsh Mander, Nikhil Dey and Vandana Prasad said that since 2006 India has ranked poorly in the index and it highlighted the fact that hunger and malnutrition remained serious concerns in the country.

The activists said high levels of child malnutrition were a reflection of food insecurity in households, poor dietary diversity, lack of maternal and child care services, low status of women and inadequate access to health and sanitation. "While the results from these surveys may not be representative of the district, state or country, they do tell a story of deprivation of lakhs of households in similar situations as the survey respondents," Ms. Sinha said.

Smarter Army posts to improve living conditions of troops

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Two more such posts in the Northern Sector are expected to be completed by December

A pilot project in the Eastern Himalayas is set to usher in smarter facilities for raising the living standards of troops posted along the border with China.

Army engineers used a mix of materials, including bamboo and other locally available resources, to give shape to a "first-of-its-kind integrated" post beyond 10,000 ft above mean sea level in the Tawang sector of western Arunachal Pradesh in November 2021.

The model post is ready for the soldiers to move in. Two more such posts in the Northern Sector (Arunachal Pradesh is a part of it) are expected to be completed by December.

"The plan was to create a model post for troops on the frontline as an integrated project keeping in mind the space, essential troop comfort, weather protection, amenities like running water, power requirements, safety and connectivity. The selected location for the model post was winter cut-off at high altitude," a Defence statement said.

"There were major shortcomings with respect to living standards, protection against weather, space available to men, hygiene facilities and the ad-hoc power arrangements. This is now fast changing," the statement said, and added that there are plans to evolve the design and concept of the model post and replicate it all among the frontline across regions.

Paddy pellet scheme does not account for production cost, say entrepreneurs

SPECIAL

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Days after the Union Environment Ministry announced a scheme to incentivise entrepreneurs to manufacture pellets from paddy stubble, beneficiaries say that the scheme does not account for the actual costs of manufacturing and is unlikely to help with reducing pollution from stubble burning.

Pellets, which are manufactured out of agriculture biomass, when properly made would provide much more heat, emit fewer than 50% of the particulate matter and only a fraction of the ash from burning an equivalent amount of coal, according to Gurugram-based Amitabh Malaviya, who is in the business of pellet manufacturing.

"Also they constitute a reliable source of income for farmers who can sell their agriculture byproducts – I won't call it waste – instead of merely burning it and causing pollution," he said.

The scheme was introduced to reduce stubble burning.

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy estimates about 270 million tonnes of such agricultural waste is annually available in India that can produce 28,000 MW of power. By comparison, about 818 million tonnes of coal was consumed by thermal power plants for producing electricity in 2021-22, according to figures from Coal India Ltd. "About 800 kg of pellets can replace a tonne [1,000 kg] of coal," Mr. Malaviya added.

However, establishing a plant with a single pellet-making machine that produces a tonne of pellet an hour would cost ₹1 -1.5 crore, he estimates.

To assist, not subsidise

A senior official in the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), which manages the scheme, told *The Hindu* that the intent of the scheme was not to entirely subsidise every plant but assist an aspirant entrepreneur.

"This is a start. There may be changes in technology and widely different estimates on the cost of a pellet plant in the future. and the intention is to incentivise – not fully fund an entrepreneur. Any serious entrepreneur will surely welcome the opportunity," he told *The Hindu* but declined to be identified. The entire outlay of the government project, described as a "one-time" scheme was ₹50 crore of which ₹40 crore was for pellet plants and ₹10 crore for torrefaction plants.

Meerut-based Ajay Mittal, who runs a pellet manufacturing plant, said that narrowing the scheme down only for those who convert paddy stubble to pellets was restrictive. Sugarcane biomass from western Uttar Pradesh and mustard residue from Rajasthan too could be useful but neither of them was eligible for the government grant. "To solve the problem of air pollution it is not enough to reduce it to rice paddy. The benefit of the scheme must come to all," he told *The Hindu*.

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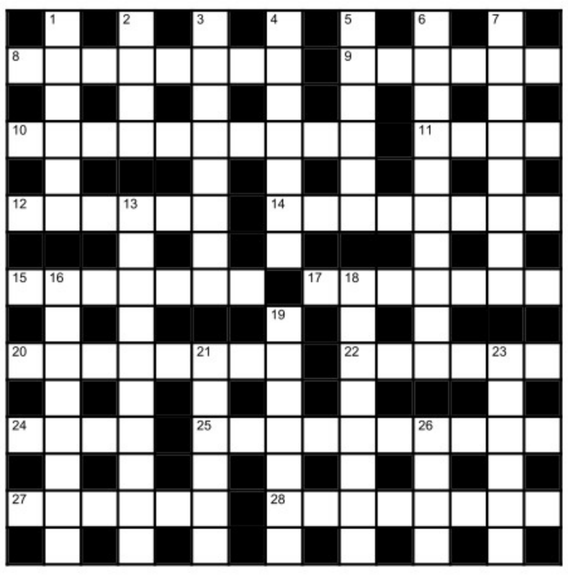

Across

8 Licence, one that isn't used to operate a steering wheel? (4,4)
9 Set by primarily high-quality setter (6)
10 Short popular commercial, the same ending off-note (10)
11 Listens in secret, in return, catches (4)
12 An artist, with paint, drawing essentially bright celebration? (6)
14 Runners before rascals, according to Spooner (8)
15 Dumplings made by decisively frying beaten potato chunks cooked hot, Italian primarily (7)
17 One of two loudmouths on a soapbox chair? (7)
20 Believing in truth, almost overcoming original sin, almost complete (8)
22 Defeat virulent gout, returning numb halfway (6)
24 Wise men taking refuge in imagination (4)
25 Snitch caught finally, essentially Potter swallowing a quaffle, vomiting drink — story! (10)
27 Not ok to watch boring impact winter sport (6)
28 Abruptly leave organisation leaderless, leading to crisis (8)

Down

1 Ancient inscription concealed inside, reportedly by South-Asian sultanate (6)
2 Shoot second target (4)
3 Conquer, disappear, abducting queen (8)
4 Progress of car between two periods (7)
5 Appropriate way to greet first lady after president's term (6)
6 Complain about changing plans, after some time, relocate... (10)
7 ... abroad, e-refer going over books on the house? (4-4)
13 Popular drink, full of calories, that is regurgitated all over ship barrel (10)
16 Aggrieved, disunited, mourn friend as per custom (8)
18 Broadcast expert opinion (8)
19 Dissect female snake (7)
21 "City in Portugal," notes mother (6)
23 Open cut hair? (6)
26 Those people mainly sitting over the border? (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Duryodhana's adamance

Dhritarashtra is of the opinion that gambling is a worse weapon than weapons made of iron which are used in actual warfare, said Kidambi Narayanan, in a discourse.

Duryodhana wonders why a game of dice should be seen as wrong, when his ancestors had played it. Finally, Dhritarashtra gives in to Duryodhana's adamance, and builds a hall for gambling. Dhritarashtra tells himself that none can conquer fate. He tells Vidura that Brahma decides the fate of every individual before he is born, and asks Vidura to invite the Pandavas to play a game of dice. Yudhishthira asks Vidura what he thinks about gambling and Vidura says it is the root of all evil. Yudhishthira wants to know who he will have to face, and Vidura says Sakuni is the best player on the other side. There are others too, including the cousins of the Pandavas. Yudhishthira says since his uncle has commanded him to play, he will. If he can avoid playing with Sakuni, he will. But if Sakuni invites him to play, he will not refuse the challenge. What can anyone do against fate? Let it take its course, says Yudhishthira.

Lightning lasts for barely a second, but it blinds us if we look at it. In the same way, in a matter of seconds, fate takes away a person's capacity to think rationally. People cannot act against destiny, which is like a net, that traps a person. Yudhishthira goes to Hastinapura to play a game of dice. He tells Sakuni that there is nothing meritorious about gambling, which can never equal an act of valour on the battlefield. Sakuni says that he who plans his moves in the game carefully, and does not get tired even if loses a few games, can easily handle the problems of kingship.

INBRIEF

Arsenal in Europa knockouts with victory over PSV

Granit Xhaka's second-half winner secured Arsenal a 1-0 win over PSV Eindhoven at the Emirates and a place in the Europa League knockout phase on Thursday. Mikel Arteta's men moved five points clear of PSV at the top of Group A in a rescheduled game which was postponed last month following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

The result: Group A: Arsenal 1 (Xhaka 71) bt PSV Eindhoven 0.

France's Ribery announces retirement from football

Former France and Bayern Munich attacking midfielder Franck Ribery announced his retirement from football on Friday after a persistent knee injury which kept him out of action for Serie A club Salernitana. "The ball stops. The feelings inside me do not," 39-year-old Ribery wrote on social media in English, French, Italian and German. "Thanks to everyone for this great adventure."

Mysuru races cancelled due to track conditions

The Stewards of the Mysore Race Club decided to cancel Friday (October 21) races in Mysuru due to persistent rains over the week rendering the underfoot conditions of the race track not conducive for racing.

Aston Villa gives the boot to Steven Gerrard

Steven Gerrard is out as manager of Aston Villa after less than a year in charge. The Birmingham club said on Thursday that Gerrard "has left the club with immediate effect" after a 3-0 loss at Fulham. Villa has just two wins after 11 league games and is one spot above the relegation zone.

ASC & Centre shares points with Bengaluru FC

Bengaluru FC was held to a 1-1 draw by ASC & Centre in the BDFA Super Division football league in Bengaluru on Friday.

The results: Young Challengers FC 1 (Vikram Singh 56) bt Sporting Club Bengaluru 0; MEG & Center FC 3 (Shaik Mujeeb 2, Ahamed Asrarul 41, Imanakum 51) bt Bangalore Eagles FC 0; BFC 1 (Monirul Molla 24) drew with ASC & Centre 1 (Elangbam Tondon 45).

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (Saturday's schedule)
Group A (Rajkot): Mizoram vs Rajasthan; Assam vs Madhya Pradesh; Mumbai vs Uttarakhand; Railways vs Vidarbha
Group B (Jaipur): Hyderabad vs Manipur; Punjab vs Uttar Pradesh; Delhi vs Tripura; Goa vs. Pondicherry
Group C (Mohali): Arunachal Pradesh vs Maharashtra; Haryana vs Karnataka; Kerala vs Meghalaya; Jammu & Kashmir vs Services.
Group D (Indore): Himachal Pradesh vs Nagaland; Andhra vs Baroda; Bihar vs Gujarat.
Group E (Lucknow): Jharkhand vs Sikkim; Chhattisgarh vs Odisha; Bengal vs Chandigarh.

LIVE TELECAST

Syed Mushtaq Ali T20: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9, 11 a.m., 1.30 & 4.30 p.m.
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BWF Denmark Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 1.30 p.m. onwards.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 5.30 & 7.30 p.m.
La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 5.30, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday).
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Sunday).
Bundesliga: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 10 p.m.
Pro Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards.
Formula 1: United States GP (Qualifying), SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3.30 a.m. (Sunday).

Gaurika and Amandeep part of four-way lead

Overnight leader Wessberg slips to joint 10th following an error-filled 77; Sehar fires hole-in-one to make the cut; Aditi shoots a bogey-free 71

GOLF

Rakesh Rao
GURUGRAM

On fire: Gaurika carded the day's best making use of home advantage at the DLF Golf and Country Club course. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Using home advantage, to the hilt, Gaurika Bishnoi fired the day's best 4-under 68 to join Amandeep Drall, Finland's Noora Komulainen and Sweden's Caroline Hedwall in the lead at 5-under 139 at the halfway stage of the $400,000 Hero Women's Indian Open golf here on Friday.

As the DLF Golf and Country Club course tested the preparedness of all 114 golfers, only 11 broke par. The 'cut' at 8-over 152 left 64 players – including 12 Indian professionals and three amateurs – for the weekend action.

After overnight leader Linda Wessberg slipped to joint 10th by following her first-round 65 with an error-filled 77, rounds of 72 from Amandeep and Noora proved enough to share the lead. Caroline, the 2011 winner, shot a 71 to make it a three-player leaders' group before Gaurika broke in.

Following a bogey-bogey start – a three-putt on the 10th hole and a missed fairway on the 11th – Gaurika faltered again with a chip-and-putt from 30 yards on the 1st hole.

Her longest birdie, from around 25 feet, came on the 6th hole while six others were from under 12 feet.

"I definitely set up a lot more birdie opportunities today. Playing on home course, some things come instinctively to me. I've been playing here for 13 years and it is just that you are so used to this golf course," said Gaurika.

Amandeep, 30, could have finished better than a par round had she not dropped shots on her 15th and 16th holes for a back-nine 37.

Aditi Ashok reproduced an identical 35 of the first round on the front-nine of the course, during a bogey-free 71.

Sehar Atwal (73, 79) made the cut on the bubble, thanks to her hole-in-one on the 16th hole.

The scores (second round):
139: Gaurika Bishnoi (71, 68), Amandeep Drall (71, 68), Noora Komulainen (Fin) (67, 72), Caroline Hedwall (Swe) (68, 71).
140: Elin Arvidsson (Swe) (68, 72).
141: Meghan MacLaren (Eng) (72, 69), Luna Sobron Galmes (Esp) (69, 72), Aditi Ashok (70, 71), Nicole Garcia (RSA) (69, 72).
142: Olivia Cowan (Ger) (71, 71), Linda Wessberg(Swe) (65, 77).
143: Camille Chevalier (Fra) (72, 71), Alice Hewson (Eng) (70, 73) and Vani Kapoor (72, 71).

Best on show: Gao Jinkang flanked by Sagar Dangi, left, and Varun Tomar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sagar takes silver in junior men's 10m air pistol

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Sagar Dangi was unable to drive home his supremacy, after dominating qualification with 588 and leading the second stage, as Gao Jinkang of China recorded a 16-12 triumph in the gold match in the junior men's air pistol event at the World Championship in Cairo, Egypt, on Friday. Varun Tomar won bronze.

There was another bronze for India in the junior mixed air rifle as Nancy and Sri Karthik Sabari Raj beat the Swedish duo of Amanda Karlsson and Victor Lindgren 16-8.

Olympian Anjum Moudgil made the women's 50-metre rifle 3-position event with a score of 587 but ended sixth. China's Miao Wanru won gold.

The results: 10m air pistol: Junior men: 1. Gao Jinkang (Chn) 16 (252.2) 578; 2. Sagar Dangi 12 (253.8) 588; 3. Varun Tomar 251.3 (583); 9. Samrat Rana 576.
10m air rifle: Junior mixed team: 1. China (Shen Ying, Du Linshu) 17 (629.2); 2. Serbia (Alexsandra Havran, Marko Ivanovic) 7 (629.8); 3. India-2 (Nancy, Sri Karthik Sabari Raj) 16 (629.1).
50m rifle 3-position: Women: 1. Miao Wanru (Chn) 17 (411.4) 592; 2. Jenny Stene (Nor) 13 (412.5) 592; 3. Jeanette Duestad (Nor) 410.0 (591); 6. Anjum Moudgil 355.4 (587); 33. Ashi Chouksey 582; 53. Sift Kaur Samra 577.

Barcelona routs Villarreal, stays three behind Real

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
BARCELONA

Unstoppable: Lewandowski scores Barcelona's first against Villarreal. AFP

Robert Lewandowski struck twice as a hurting Barcelona flexed its muscles to thrash Villarreal 3-0 and stay three points behind LaLiga leader Real Madrid on Thursday.

After Sunday's Clasico defeat and virtual elimination from the Champions League, the Catalans and coach Xavi Hernandez were desperate to prove a point at Camp Nou.

Lewandowski, the top scorer in LaLiga, extended his domestic tally to 11 goals and his brace, along with Ansu Fati's strike, came in an eight-minute blitz near the end of the first half which effectively killed the game.

The results: LaLiga: Osasuna 1 (Budimir 55) bt Espanyol 0; Barcelona 3 (Lewandowski 31, 35, Fati 38) bt Villarreal 0.

Premier League: Fulham 3 (Reed 36, Mitrovic 68-pen, Mings 83-og) bt Aston Villa 0.

Leicester 2 (Koch 16-og, Barnes 35) bt Leeds 0.

Kesariya Balam for feature

HYDERABAD: Trainer R.H. Sequeira's Kesariya Balam may win the Smt. Teegala Sulochana Reddy Memorial Cup, the feature event of Saturday's (Oct. 22) races.

1 ASMAN GARH PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.10 p.m.: 1. Malibu (6) Mukesh Kumar 60.5, 2. Starwalt (3) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60, 3. Shah Of Iran (5) Afroz Khan 57.5, 4. Soorya Vahan (8) Md. Ismail 57.5, 5. Vision Of Rose (9) Koushik 56.5, 6. Candy Girl (7) R.S. Jodha 55.5, 7. Hugh Capet (2) D.S. Deora 52.5, 8. Take Me As I Am (4) G. Naresh 51.5, 9. Exponent (1) Surya Prakash 51 and 10. Glimmer Of Hope (10) B. Nikhil 50.
1. STARWALT,
2. MALIBU,
3. SOORYA VAHAN

2 BOLD VENTURE PLATE (1,100m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 2.45: 1. Blissful (4) R.S. Jodha 60, 2. By The Bay (5) Kiran Naidu 60, 3. N R I Vision (2) Santosh Raj 59.5, 4. Ballerina (8) Suraj Narredu 58.5, 5. Vintage Brut (3) M. Madhu Babu 58.5, 6. Cosmic Run (1) Khurshad Alam 54, 7. Exotic Dancer (9) Aneel 53, 8. Ok Boss (6) Md. Ismail 52.5, 9. The Sensation (7) Gaurav Singh 51.5, 10. Bellagio (11) B. Nikhil 50.5 and 11. Pacific Command (10) Surya Prakash 50.5.
1. BY THE BAY,
2. BALLERINA, 3. BLISSFUL

3 NEWMARKET PLATE (1,600m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.15: 1. Lamha (4) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Makhtoob (10) B. Nikhil 58.5, 3. N R I Sun (9) Antony Raj 55, 4. Beauty Flame (3) Santosh Raj 54.5, 5. Just Incredible (5) P. Sai Kumar 54.5, 6. Four One Four (8) Gaurav Singh 54, 7. Sun Dancer (6) Afroz Khan 54, 8. Francis Bacon (2) Surya Prakash 53.5, 9. Aerial Combat (1) G. Naresh 52.5 and 10. Linewiler (7) Kuldeep Singh 51.
1. LAMHA,
2. N R I SUN, 3. JUST INCREDIBLE

4 BLUE MAX PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.45: 1. Carlisle (10) Mukesh Kumar 60, 2. Dr Dee Dee (6) B.R. Kumar 58, 3. N R I Millennium (9) G. Naresh 58, 4. Rovaniemi (4) Suraj Narredu 57.5, 5. N R I Secret (7) Antony Raj 57, 6. Sweet Dancer (5) Akshay Kumar 57, 7. Doe A Deer (12) Afroz Khan 56, 8. High Reward (8) R.S. Jodha 56, 9. Blue Label (2) Surya Prakash 54.5, 10. Archangels (1) P. Ajeeth Kumar 52, 11. Bijili (3) Md. Ismail 51.5 and 12. China Town (11) P. Sai Kumar 50.5.
1. CARLISLE, 2. SWEET DANCER, 3. ROVANIEMI

5 SMT. TEEGALA SULOCHANA REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (1,600m), rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II), 4.15: 1. Top Secret (5) D.S. Deora 61.5, 2. Staridar (1) Santosh 57.5, 3. Super Angel (3) Gaurav Singh 57, 4. Kesariya Balam (7) Akshay Kumar 56.5, Red Snaper (6) Afroz Khan 56, 6. Mirana (2) P. Ajeeth Kumar 52.5 and 7. Ashwa Raudee (4) Kuldeep Singh 50.
1. KESARIYA BALAM,
2. STARIDAR,
3. SUPER ANGEL

6 SHAMSHABAD PLATE (1,200m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.45: 1. Different (12) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60, 2. Miss Marvellous (8) Rafique Sk. 60, 3. Rhythm Selection (9) Md. Ismail 59, 4. Star Racer (3) Aneel 59, 5. Hashtag (11) Mukesh Kumar 58.5, 6. Mind Reader (2) R.S. Jodha 58, 7. Golden Forza (5) P. Sai Kumar 57.5, 8. Flamingo Fame (6) Suraj Narredu 56, 9. Thunder Road (4) B. Nikhil 55.5, 10. Sporting Smile (1) Kuldeep Singh 54.5, 11. Blazing Jupiter (10) B.R. Kumar 51.5 and 12. Ayur Tej (7) Afroz Khan 50.5.
1. FLAMINGO FAME,
2. DIFFERENT,
3. MISS MARVELLOUS
Day's Best: **FLAMINGO FAME**
Jackpot: 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.
Mini Jackpot: 3, 4, 5 & 6.
Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3. (ii) 4, 5 & 6.
Tanala: All races.

Major changes in FIH Pro League format to make it more relevant

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

In order to make the Pro League more relevant and interesting for the participating teams, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has decided to introduce the promotion and relegation system from the fourth season.

It will also be a qualifying event for the World Cup and Olympics from the fifth season onwards.

The new format, to be staged in seven countries featuring 11 teams in both men's and women's leagues, has drifted from the home-and-away arrangement and has made the Pro League a bouquet of "mini tournaments".

"From Season 4, the last teams of the League will be relegated and the first teams in the Nations Cup will be promoted. It has to be an open league," said FIH CEO Thierry Weil.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

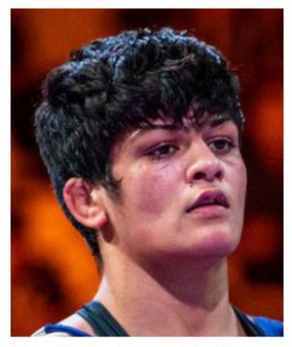
Nikhil's double ton highlights Jawahar SC (2)'s win

Nikhil Vedanth's 247 powered Jawahar SC (2) to a big win over Bangalore Star CA in the KSCA-Y.S. Ramaswamy memorial trophy.

The scores: Jawahar SC (2) 483/6 in 50 overs (Faizan 33, Nikhil Vedanth 247, R. Ajith 44, Rohith Sundar 35, S.B. Sanket 26 n.o.) bt Bangalore Star CA 54 in 21.4 overs (Amogh Docca 5/11).
Gary Cricketers 173 in 35.1 overs (Shreyas Raju 41) lost to Dolphin Cricketers 175/5 in 23.1 overs (M. Abhishek 70, M. Mayank 29).
Jaidur Cricketers 312/8 in 50 overs (M.S. Sapthagiri 54, Yatish 130 n.o., Teja 27, Prathap 31, Arun Kumar 3/68, Jeetender Singh 4/70) bt Bangalore Sports CC 221 in 37.1 overs (Arun Kumar 32, Nandhan Gowda 83, Jasleen 4/30, M.S. Sapthagiri 3/47).
New National CC 216 in 49.3 overs (P.B. Dhilip 35, Salman Baig 50, P. Suraj 33, Shahbaz Ahemed 4/35) bt Kengeri Cricketers 132 in 41.3 overs (Mokhit 38, G. Suhas 3/14).
RV College of Engineering 51 in 19.3 overs (G.P. Likith 27, Raunak Singh 7/20) lost to Freelancers CC 57/3 in 14.5 overs.
Young Boys CA 341/6 in 50 overs (Shahid 26, Arjun Reddy 61, Bhargava 42, Ranjith 87, Yeshmith 71 n.o., Madhu 26 n.o.) bt Bowlers CC 130 in 36.5 overs (Sujith 3/30).
Caravan Cricketers 186 in 39.4 overs (Mohan Narahari 25, Advaith Gowda 53 n.o., R. Yash 4/28) bt Friends CC (Kolar) 105 in 32.5 overs.
Government RC College 64 in 15.3 overs (Rajeev Bhaskar 5/22, Rajshekar 3/9) lost to Rajajinagar Colts CA 67/3 in 11.3 overs (Rajeev Bhaskar 31).
Deccan United CC 251 in 46 overs (M. Shaurya 38, D. Anvay 26, Chirag Sharma 41, P. Drishya 28, Aarya Golecha 30 n.o., Arun Kumar 3/49) bt Government Arts College 112 in 28.1 overs (Arun Kumar 44).
Star Cricketers XI 107 in 36.1 overs (Royson Lobo 28 n.o., Jyothi Mani 3/26, Susheel Udupi 3/36) lost to Bangalore Indian CC 108 for no loss in 16.3 overs (Ishaan 39 n.o., Ayush Patil 56 n.o.).
Young Boys 124 in 36.5 overs (Hari Vignesh 44 n.o., C.E. Mani 3/17, S. Manjunath 3/22, Zain Ul Abideen 3/5) lost to Jayanagar Colts 127/1 in 21.3 overs (M.N. Nischal 25, Nagesh Rao 54 n.o., A.R. Krishnan 25 n.o.).
MES College 118 in 30.3 overs (Partha Sarathi 64, Rajashekar 25, Gaurav 3/27, Kushal 6/24) lost to City Gymkhana 120 for no loss in 11.5 overs (Vinod 26 n.o., Robin 86 n.o.).
Malleswaram United CC 354 in 39.5 overs (Shashank 34, Prathap 185, Manjunath 34, Gaurav 27, Huzaifa 3/90, Arnav Gokhale 3/33, R. Bishaj 3/120) bt Huttons CC 176 in 26.4 overs (Ashok 49, Pranav 29, Huzaifa 33, Nihal 4/15) (Target revised to 192 in 27 overs because of rain).

Ankush wins silver; Mansi claims bronze

Ankush (50kg, silver). UWW



Mansi (59kg, bronze). UWW

WRESTLING

Sports Bureau

Ankush Panghal (50kg) and Mansi Ahlawat (59kg), the two Indian women wrestlers in fray at the World under-23 championships, have returned medals in Pontevedra, Spain.

Ankush, who went past Ukrainian Snizhana Onufriieva 10-0, Germany's Lisa Ersel 10-0 and Egypt's Nada Medani Ashour 8-2, claimed the silver medal after being pinned by Japanese superstar Yui Susaki inside two minutes of the title clash. Susaki completed a rare achievement of securing all the World titles (under-17, under-20, under-23, senior) apart from the Olympics gold.

Mansi defeated Zhala Aliyeva of Azerbaijan 10-4 before being pipped by Polish Magdalena Glodek 3-2 in the quarterfinals. Mansi, who got the better of Swedish Evelina Hulthen 6-0 in the repechage contest, won bronze as her Latvian opponent Ramina Mamedova was injured.

T20 WORLD CUP

Moody backs 'big player' Shami in India's match against Pakistan

Tom Moody feels Mohammed Shami is a big player and his expertise would be crucial in India's opening match against Pakistan here on Sunday. "He (Shami) may be short with some volume in his bowling, but that one over he bowled against Australia would have gone a long way with regards to the mental side of things," Moody said.

THE BIG BATTLE

It's always special playing against Pakistan, says Pant

India wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant said he gets goosebumps playing Pakistan, calling it "a different kind of feeling" to any other team. "It's always special playing against Pakistan because there is a special hype around that match," Pant told the official World Cup website Friday.

JOS' VIEW

New era for 'dangerous and very ready' England, says Buttler

Skipper Jos Buttler on Friday hailed a new era for England and warned that his "dangerous" team was "very ready" for its title charge. "We are in a good spot. We have had really good games in the last 10 matches and played some really good cricket," he said. "On the eve of the tournament we are very ready."

ALL CLEAR

Masood suffers only 'superficial bruising' after blow to head

Pakistan batter Shan Masood has got away with "superficial bruising" after being hit on the head during a practice session ahead of the team's first match at the Twenty20 World Cup. "He will be re-tested (Saturday) for concussion," the Pakistan Cricket Board said in a statement.

New Zealand eyes a win on Aussie soil after more than a decade

However, with heavy rain predicted, both sides have been forced to rethink their strategies in case the overs are reduced

A journey into the Worlds

With the Super 12 stage of the ICC T20 World Cup ready to roll, it's time for a recap of the previous chapters

The winners' club

	2007	2009	2010	2012	2014	2016	2021
	India	Pakistan	England	West Indies	Sri Lanka	West Indies	Australia
	Host: South Africa	England	West Indies	Sri Lanka	Bangladesh	India	UAE/Oman

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP AUSTRALIA 2022

The Men in Blue's file

2007	2009	2010	2012	2014	2016	2021
Winner	DNQ for semifinals	DNQ for semifinals	DNQ for semifinals	Runner-up	Semifinalist	DNQ for semifinals

Scanning the Super 12

Group 1	Group 2
Afghanistan	Bangladesh
Australia	India
England	Netherlands
Ireland	Pakistan
New Zealand	South Africa
Sri Lanka	Zimbabwe

India

M	Won	Lost	NR
38	24	13	1

Most runs	Rohit *(847, 30 inns)* Kohli *(845, 19 inns)*
Most wickets	Ashwin *(26, 18 inns)*

Pakistan

M	Won	Lost
40	24	16

Most runs	Babar Azam *(303, 6 inns)*
Most wickets	Shadab Khan *(9, 6 inns)*

Sri Lanka

M	Won	Lost
46	30	16

Most runs	Nissanka *(318, 11 inns)*
Most wickets	Hasaranga *(23, 11 inns)*

Bangladesh

M	Won	Lost	NR
33	7	25	1

Most runs	Shakib *(698, 31 inns)*
Most wickets	Shakib *(41, 30 inns)*

Netherlands

M	Won	Lost	NR
18	7	10	1

Most runs	Myburgh *(302, 11 inns)*
Most wickets	van der Gugten *(15, 12 inns)*

South Africa

M	Won	Lost
35	22	13

Most runs	de Kock *(286, 13 inns)*
Most wickets	Rabada *(13, 8 inns)*, Parnell *(13, 9 inns)*

Australia

M	Won	Lost
36	22	14

Most runs	Warner *(762, 30 inns)*
Most wickets	Starc *(24, 17 inns)*

England

M	Won	Lost	NR
38	19	18	1

Most runs	Buttler *(574, 21 inns)*
Most wickets	Adil Rashid *(17, 16 inns)*

Afghanistan

M	Won	Lost
19	7	12

Most runs	Najibullah Zadran *(285, 12 inns)*
Most wickets	Rashid Khan *(19, 12 inns)*

Ireland

M	Won	Lost	NR
21	6	12	3

Most runs	Paul Stirling *(311, 16 inns)*
Most wickets	Dockrell *(11, 9 inns)*

New Zealand

M	Won	Lost
37	20	17

Most runs	Guptill *(617, 27 inns)*
Most wickets	Southee *(22, 17 inns)*

Zimbabwe

M	Won	Lost
15	7	8

Most runs	Sikandar Raza *(195, 9 inns)*
Most wickets	Tendai Chatara *(11, 9 inns)*

The performance meter

The batters and bowlers who have lit up the seven editions of the World Cup:

Batting	Inns	Runs	HS	SR	100s/50s
Jayawardene (SL)	31	1016	100	134.74	1/6
Gayle (WI)	31	965	117	142.75	2/7
Dilshan (SL)	34	897	96*	124.06	0/6
Rohit (Ind)	30	847	79*	131.52	0/8
Kohli (Ind)	19	845	89 *	129.60	0/10
Warner (Aus)	30	762	89*	135.10	0/6

* not out

Bowling	Inns	Wkts.	BBI	Econ.	4W/5W
Shakib (Ban)	30	41	4/9	6.43	3/0
Shahid Afridi (Pak)	34	39	4/11	6.71	2/0
Malinga (SL)	31	38	5/31	7.43	0/1
Ajmal (Pak)	23	36	4/19	6.79	3/0
Ajantha Mendis (SL)	21	35	6/8	6.70	1/1
Umar Gul (Pak)	24	35	5/6	7.30	1/1

1 Australia's debut as host to the T20 extravaganza

1 Two-time champion West Indies failed to qualify for the main event for the first time

3 Sri Lanka has reached the final the most number of times (2009, 2012 & 2014)

16 Hasaranga's tally of wickets in 2021, the best in an edition

319 Kohli's run-collection in 2014, the highest in a campaign

- Players from the current squads
- Statistics include qualifying rounds

SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO

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T20 WORLD CUP

Shayan Acharya
SYDNEY

Kane Williamson is not a man of numbers. The New Zealand captain loves to be realistic in setting targets and does not ponder much about the past.

So, on the eve of the Super 12 stage opener of the T20 World Cup against Australia, when he was reminded that it's been more than a decade since the Black Caps won in Australia (December 2011) in any format of the game, Williamson smiled and nonchalantly replied, "No, we haven't thought too much about that..."

Focus on fixing weaknesses

The Kiwis are not concerned about the opponent and are more focused on fixing the weaknesses in its armour. The team invited Steve O'Keefe, one of the most successful finger spinners in the Big Bash League (BBL), to pass on some tips, including leggie Ish Sodhi, at the SCG on Friday.

With Daryl Mitchell yet to fully recover from a finger injury, the team has a bit of worry in its middle-order. And even though defending champion Australia will go with its usual pace-heavy line-up – comprising Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood – in case of a rain-curtailed game, Adam Zampa's overs could be crucial.

New Zealand's top-order is its strength, with captain Williamson around, but the seasoned Martin Guptill is not a certain selection, having failed to fire in T20s in recent times.

However, it is the top-quality bowling line-up that has Tim Southee and Trent Boult which could prove effective in Australian conditions. With heavy rain predicted, both sides have been forced to rethink their strategies in case the overs are reduced.

While Australia captain Aaron Finch is open to reshuffling the batting order, Williamson wants to wait and watch before finalising the playing eleven. On paper, Australia appears more confident despite its recent home series defeat to England.

After three mediocre innings, captain Finch scored 76 in the warm-up game against India, while his opening partner David Warner (166 in last five T20Is with two seventy-plus knocks) has shown indications of returning to form, even though there are mild concerns over the fitness of Mitchell Marsh and the form of Glenn Maxwell.

The team's biggest boost, however, is Tim David. Having effectively relegated Steve Smith to the bench, David's impact as a hard-hitting finisher has given the team much-needed confidence.

And that's one area where New Zealand struggles. The team effectively lacks a finisher and, in a fickle format such as T20, that could be a major cause for concern.

Today's matches

Australia vs. New Zealand
Sydney, **12.30 p.m.** IST
H2H IN T20Is
Played **15**
Australia **10** | New Zealand **5**

England vs. Afghanistan
Perth, **4.30 p.m.** IST
H2H IN T20Is
Played **2**
England **2** | Afghanistan **0**

Rohit gears up to tackle Shaheen's pace and swing

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MELBOURNE

Rohit. AFP

Those who know Rohit Sharma well would vouch for the fact that the Indian captain is not amused when he hears the term "lazy elegance" liberally thrown at him during formal and informal conversations.

Rohit is supremely elegant but the word "lazy" hasn't existed in his dictionary for the longest possible time now.

Out of his 41 international hundreds, 33 has come in ODIs and T20Is and it wouldn't have been possible had there been an iota of laziness in him.

Before the marquee clash against Pakistan on Sunday, it seemed Rohit, the skipper at least on the day, made way for Rohit, the batter, who is thinking of how to counter the menacing pace and swing of Shaheen Shah Afridi.

No horizontal bat shots

May be that's the reason he was trying to focus on not hitting any horizontal bat shots, which is a recipe for disaster against someone like Shaheen, who not only bowls fast but swings it late at a brisk pace.

It was an optional net session for the Indians on Friday and it was the skipper, who became the centre of attention for 30-odd spectators as he entered the arena.

Rohit went through the grind for close to one and half hours along with Dinesh Karthik for company.

While Karthik, India's designated white-ball finisher, after a normal net session, did a bit of simulation training with some high-risk lap scoop and reverse lap scoop shots and pull-shots, Rohit's session was way more interesting.

It seemed he was intent on playing within the 'V'.

Having taken a break for some time, Rohit was back in the nets and this time facing the sharp left-arm throwdown of Sri Lankan specialist Nuwan Seneviratne.

Rohit is not leaving any stone unturned to turn the heat on Afridi.

Halep provisionally suspended for doping

In trouble: Halep has described the ban as the biggest shock of her life. AP

Reuters
LONDON

Two-time major winner Simona Halep of Romania has been provisionally suspended after testing positive for the banned substance roxadustat, the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) said on Friday.

Halep, ranked ninth in the world, was tested during the U.S. Open and both her A and B samples confirmed the presence of the drug.

"Simona Halep, a 31-year-old Romanian tennis player, has been provisionally suspended under Article 7.12.1 of the 2022 Tennis Anti-Doping Programme (TADP)," the body said in a statement.

"The sample was split into A and B samples and the subsequent analysis found that the A sample contained FG-4592 (Roxadustat), which is a prohibited substance listed in the 2022 World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List."

Halep described the ban as the "biggest shock of her life".

"Throughout my whole career, the idea of cheating never even crossed my mind once, as it is totally against all the values I have been educated with. Facing such an unfair situation, I feel completely confused and betrayed," she wrote on Twitter.

Tlang and Sadaoui find the target as a rampant FC Goa hands Chennaiyin FC its first reverse of ISL Season-9

Pranay Rajiv
CHENNAI

Chennaiyin FC suffered its first loss of the season, losing 0-2 to FC Goa at the Nehru Stadium on Friday.

Chennaiyin began the game strongly with its forward Petar Sliskovic forcing Goa's custodian Dheeraj Singh, who was later taken off due to a head injury, to smother a shot from close range.

It was Goa, though, who opened the scoring in the 11th minute through Redeem Tlang, who diverted a cross from the left wing by Moroccan winger Noah Sadaoui into the goal.

Sadaoui sealed the win in injury time, capitalising on an error from Chennaiyin defender Narayan Das to rifle a right-footed shot into the bottom corner.

Chennaiyin reacted positively after the opener, with attacks flowing through winger Prasanth Karuthadathkun. Soon, he found Rahim Ali in space inside the box, but found his shot crash off the post. Sliskovic's effort from the rebound was parried away by Dheeraj.

On the attack

The Marina Machans persisted with attacking down the right flank but couldn't break down the Goan defence till half-time.

Chennaiyin coach Thomas Brdaric attempted to shake things up with a raft of changes in the second half. He brought on Kwame Karikari, who had a chance to score in the 87th minute but blazed the ball high.

Despite losing Dheeraj, Goa kept Chennaiyin at bay and even managed to score a second through Sadaoui and secure its second consecutive win.

The result:

Chennaiyin FC 0 lost to FC Goa 2 (Tlang 10, Sadaoui 90+2).

Breaking through: Tlang put FC Goa ahead in the 10th minute. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

West Indies sent home packing as Ireland snaps a 13-year drought to make the cut

The Delany-Stirling show flattens Pooran's men; Zimbabwe rides on captain Ervine's knock to storm into the Super 12 for the first time in the history of the tournament at the expense of Scotland; Raza makes a valuable contribution

Sterling knock: Stirling's unbeaten half-century helped Ireland romp home. AFP

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T20 WORLD CUP

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HOBART

Ireland stunned the West Indies to power into the Twenty20 World Cup Super 12 on Friday and send the two-time champion crashing out, with Zimbabwe joining it in the next round after edging past Scotland.

Disciplined bowling from the Irish restricted the West Indies to 146 for five, with Gareth Delany taking a career-best three for 16 before it romped to the target with nine wickets and 15 balls to spare.

Opener Paul Stirling, at his seventh World Cup, ended on an unbeaten 66 while Andy Balbirnie made 37. It snapped a 13-year drought of failing to make round two, having reached it once previously in 2009.

"It means everything. We had a disappointing loss last year at the same stage," said Ireland skipper Balbirnie.

"Losing the first game and then coming back and beating a two-time champion in a must-win game... just couldn't be prouder. Pretty emotional finish to the game."

But it was a disaster for the West Indies, which won the tournament in 2012 and 2016 but came to Australia with a new-look team after the likes of Chris Gayle, Dwayne Bravo and Kieron Pollard retired.

Zimbabwe stormed into the Super 12 stage for the first time on Friday at the expense of Scotland, defeating it by five wickets with skipper Craig Ervine hitting a half-century.

The scores: West Indies 146/5 in 20 overs (Brandon King 62 n.o., Gareth Delany 3/16) lost to Ireland 150/1 in 17.3 overs (Paul Sterling 66 n.o., Lorcan Tucker 45 n.o.).

Scotland 132/6 in 20 overs (George Munsey 54, Calum MacLeod 25, Tendai Chatara 2/14, Richard Ngarava 2/28) lost to Zimbabwe 133/5 in 18.3 overs (Craig Ervine 58, Sikandar Raza 40, Josh Davey 2/16).

How they finished

GROUP B	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
Zimbabwe (Q)	3	2	1	4	0.200
Ireland (Q)	3	2	1	4	0.105
Scotland	3	1	2	2	0.304
West Indies	3	1	2	2	-0.563

Q: Qualified for Super 12s

Victory salute: The Nigeria players are on cloud nine after knocking out USA. PTI

Nigeria shocks USA, makes semifinal for the first time

WOMEN'S U-17 WC

Aneesh Dey
NAVI MUMBAI

Nigeria pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the FIFA Women's under-17 World Cup as it beat USA 4-3 on penalties in the quarterfinals at the D.Y. Patil Stadium on Friday. It was a historic win as Nigeria qualified for the semifinals for the first time.

Though USA was the dominant team in the initial stages of the first half, it was Nigeria which had the chance to break the deadlock when USA defender Ella Emri fouled Amina Bello inside the box in the 24th minute.

After a VAR check, the referee reversed her decision and pointed to the spot. Omamuzo Edafe sent USA 'keeper Valentina Amaral the wrong way.

USA equalised soon when Onyeka Gamero's perfect pass reached Amalia Villarreal, who had made a good run.

The latter connected well and the ball ended up in the back of the net after taking a deflection off Comfort Folorunsho. Both teams' defence held on after that.

USA head coach Natalia Astrain made her attacking intentions clear by bringing on Charlotte Kohler, Melina Rebimbas and Mia Bhuta in the second half but a resilient Nigeria held on.

With the game going into penalties, Nigeria replaced 'keeper Faith Omilana with Chikamso Jiwuaku while Edet Offiong came in for the injured Amina Bello, who left the field on a stretcher.

The penalty shootout was quite dramatic. USA's Ella Emri was the first player to miss her penalty. Nigeria was on the cusp on victory – it was ahead 3-2 – but Folorunsho missed her attempt.

When USA captain Riley Jackson's penalty was also saved, the onus was on Edafe to put the finishing touches. And she did.

Germany beats Brazil

Later, Germany joined Nigeria in the semifinals with a 2-0 victory against Brazil. Marie Steiner and Melina Kruger found the target for Germany. The Germans started without head coach Friederike Kromp who tested positive for COVID-19.

Assistant coaches Julia Simic and Melanie Behringer took her place in the dugout.

Germany opened the scoring in the 23rd minute when Mara Alber set up Marie Steiner and the latter calmly slotted home.

In the 32nd minute, Brazil's Alice headed home.

The goal was initially awarded before the referee went for a VAR check for a possible handball.

The review showed that the ball had struck Alice's hand on way to the goal.

In the second half, Brazil manager Simone Jatoba brought in Rhaissa and Grazy. However, there was no change in the script.

In the fifth minute of injury time in the second half, Kruger sealed the contest as she capitalised on Laura Gloning's cross.

The results (quarterfinals):

USA 1 (Villarreal 40) drew with Nigeria 1 (Edafe 27-pen). Nigeria won 4-3 on penalties.

Germany 2 (Steiner 23, Kruger 90+5) bt Brazil 0.

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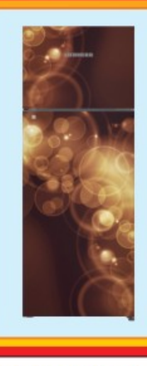
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JERUSALEM

Palestinian teen killed in clashes with Israeli Army in West Bank

A Palestinian was killed overnight in clashes with the Israeli Army during an operation in the flashpoint occupied West Bank city of Jenin, the Palestinian Health Ministry said on Friday. A 19-year-old died after being shot in the neck, the Ministry said, adding that three other Palestinians were wounded in the clashes. REUTERS

NEW YORK

Kevin Spacey gets a clean chit in New York sexual assault case

A New York court dismissed a $40 million sexual misconduct lawsuit brought against Kevin Spacey by an actor who claimed the Hollywood star targeted him when he was 14. A jury found that Anthony Rapp failed to prove that the two-time Oscar winner had "touched a sexual or intimate body part". AFP

KHARTOUM

Thousands of Sudanese renew protests against military coup

Thousands of Sudanese took to the streets on Friday to renew protests nearly a year after a military coup derailed the country's transition to democracy. The military on October 25, 2021, staged a putsch that ousted the civilian bloc from power and triggered international condemnation and near-weekly protests. REUTERS

WASHINGTON

Bannon gets four-month prison term for contempt of Congress

Donald Trump's former aide Steve Bannon was sentenced to four months in prison over his refusal to testify in the congressional probe of the January 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol. He was fined $6,500 and was permitted to remain free while he fights what his lawyer vowed would be a "bulletproof" appeal. REUTERS

Sunak leads Johnson and Mordaunt to replace Truss

Each contender needs at least a 100 of the 357 Tory MPs backing them by Monday to stay on the shortlist; Sunak had the support of 57 MPs on Friday, followed by Johnson (37) and Mordaunt (18)

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Back in the fray: Former Chancellor Rishi Sunak, left, had pulled the rug out from under Boris Johnson's feet in July. AFP

The morning after British Prime Minister Liz Truss announced that her brief spell in Downing Street would come to an end, former Chancellor Rishi Sunak, who battled Ms. Truss for the post in August, appeared to lead the list of possible new occupants of No.10 Downing Street.

Other candidates in the reckoning on Friday were former Prime Minister Boris Johnson – who was ousted for a series of scandals during his tenure and replaced by Ms. Truss – and Leader of the House of Commons Penny Mordaunt. Defence Secretary Ben Wallace ended speculation about whether he would run by pulling himself out of the race.

Given that each contender needs at least a 100 of the 357 Tory MPs backing them by 1400 hrs on Monday, no more than three candidates can make the shortlist. Mr. Sunak, who was the favourite, by a sizeable margin, according to bookmakers' odds on Friday morning, also had the backing of 57 MPs on Friday afternoon, as per *The Times*, which was tracking publicly declared support for candidates. In second place was Mr. Johnson, with 37 MPs behind him, followed by Ms. Mordaunt, who had the support of 18 MPs as of this writing.

The 42-year-old Mr. Sunak, who is of Indian descent and the child of migrants from East Africa, has the advantage of having criticised, in August, Ms. Truss's plans to cut taxes as bad for the economy – a view that the markets appeared to agree within recent weeks.

He is, however, also seen as "disloyal" having pulled the rug out from under Mr. Johnson's feet in July.

Mr. Johnson, who on Friday afternoon was returning from a holiday in the Caribbean, is a controversial candidate as it was his resignation that set off the scramble to find a new leader (Ms. Truss). He is also currently under investigation by a parliamentary committee regarding whether he lied to MPs about breaking COVID lockdown rules. If found guilty he could be suspended or even lose his seat.

'Catastrophic decision'

Foreign Office Minister Jesse Norman tweeted that choosing Mr. Johnson would be an "absolutely catastrophic decision". *The Observer* reported Tory MP Andrew Bridgen as saying Mr. Johnson could get the backing of 100 MPs. However, Mr. Bridgen also reportedly urged MPs not to support Mr. Johnson as he would become "emboldened" and "there would be no limits" on his actions.

Mr. Wallace said that for the moment, he "would lean" towards Mr. Johnson keeping in mind who "could win the next election" and because of the "issue of the mandate" [Johnson is the only one of the possibilities who has won a general election]. Business Secretary Jacob Rees-Mogg also said he was backing Mr. Johnson.

Leader of the Liberal Democrats, Ed Davey, said Mr. Johnson had "lied on an industrial scale" and asked if the Tories were "suffering from memory loss" in reconsidering a candidate they themselves had ousted.

The Sunak and Johnson teams were in talks, *The Telegraph* had reported, but neither Mr. Sunak nor Mr. Johnson had officially declared that they were running. Some 1,60,000 Conservative party members will vote next week for one of two leading candidates. A winner is expected to be announced on Friday, October 28.

CPC set to amend Constitution with Xi Jinping eyeing the status of Mao

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Ahead of China's ruling Communist Party amending its Constitution on Saturday, China's President Xi Jinping has been hailed by the State media as a "people's leader", an honorific not used since the days of Mao Zedong.

While Chairman Mao was called the "great helmsman" or great leader (*weida lingxiu*), Mr. Xi has been referred to in some Party media outlets as the "people's leader" (*renmin lingxiu*).

State broadcaster *China Central Television* on Thursday, during the ongoing Party Congress, described Mr. Xi as "the core of the party, the people's leader, and the commander-in-chief of the army" as well as "a great Marxist statesman". Mr. Xi was on Thursday and Friday also described using the same phrase "Marxist statesman with a global vision" by the Vice Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu and Vice Environment Minister Zhai Qing.

While Mao was called the 'great helmsman', Xi has been referred to as the 'people's leader'

New honorifics

The flood of new honorifics for Mr. Xi has brought focus to Saturday's Constitutional amendment, which is expected to reflect a further centralisation of Mr. Xi's "core" status – which was, along with his eponymous ideology called "Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era", added to the constitution at the previous 19th Congress in 2017.

"The amendment to the Constitution will incorporate the major theoretical views and strategic thinking," Congress spokesperson Sun Yeli said. "The amendment will fully embody the latest achievements in adapting Marxism to the Chinese context and to the needs of the times. It will also enshrine the new ideas, thoughts and strategies on national governance that the CPC Central Committee has set forth since the 19th CPC National Congress."

Mr. Xi in 2018 abolished the two-term limit for the post of President, and is set to begin an unprecedented third-term once the Congress concludes on Saturday and chooses the new Central Committee, which will meet on Sunday and announce the new members likely to join Mr. Xi on the next Politburo Standing Committee.

The next Politburo Standing Committee is likely to include at least three new allies of Mr. Xi, while the new Central Military Commission, which Mr. Xi heads, will also induct younger Generals and likely reaffirm his control over the military.

Italy's Meloni formally asks for mandate to govern

Associated Press
ROME

Italian politician Giorgia Meloni, whose party has neo-fascist roots, said on Friday that she and her allies have asked the nation's President to give her the mandate to form what would be Italy's first far-right-led government since the end of World War II.

Ms. Meloni and her campaign allies met for about 10 minutes with President Sergio Mattarella at the Quirinal presidential palace. She emerged to tell reporters that the coalition had unanimously indicated to Mr. Mattarella that she deserved the mandate to govern.

The palace later announced that Mr. Mattarella had summoned Ms. Meloni back, by herself, to meet with the president late Friday afternoon.

At that meeting, the President could decide Ms. Meloni has assembled a viable government and invite her and her ministers to swear in the next day. He could also give her the mandate to try to form a government and some time to report back to him on her progress.

If Ms. Meloni, 45, succeeds, she would be the first woman to become Italian premier.

U.S., Russian defence officials hold talks

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russia's Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu held a phone call with U.S. counterpart Lloyd Austin, the Defence Ministry said on Friday, in rare talks between Moscow and Washington since the start of the Ukraine conflict.

"Topical issues of international security, including the situation in Ukraine, were discussed," Russia's Defence Ministry said in a statement.

This was the second phone call between Mr. Shoigu and Mr. Austin since Russia sent troops into Ukraine on February 24.

Their last call was on May 13, a few days before phone talks between the chief of the Russian General Staff, Valery Gerasimov, and his U.S. counterpart Mark Milley on May 19.

Dam detonation

Meanwhile, Kyiv accused Russia of planning to destroy a hydroelectric dam in the southern Kherson region, where Ukrainian soldiers have been steadily advancing.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Russian forces had mined the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant with the intent of blowing it up.

Thousands of people around the lower Dnipro River would be in danger of rapid flooding if the dam was destroyed, Mr. Zelensky warned in a speech to European leaders.

China makes a push for global green dominance

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Future forward: Chinese domestic brands occupy four of the top five positions in EV sales and are now eyeing global markets. AFP

A pledge to "advance the energy revolution" at China's ongoing Communist Party Congress (CPC) has underlined Beijing's growing global ambitions to position itself as a dominant player in emerging renewable industries.

"China is now the world's largest producer and consumer of renewable energy and new energy vehicles," Vice Minister for Environment Zhai Qing told reporters on Friday, on the sidelines of the Congress.

'Energy revolution'

At the opening on Sunday where Party General Secretary and President Xi Jinping outlined China's plans for the next five years, Mr. Xi said the country "will thoroughly advance the energy revolution".

Mr. Xi earlier announced that China would reach carbon neutrality in 2060 while emissions would peak by 2030. He said initiatives would be advanced to reach peak emissions "in a well-planned and phased way in line with the principle of building the new before discarding the old" and with "better control over the amount and intensity of energy consumption, particularly of fossil fuels".

The move away from coal has, however, taken a recent hit on account of energy shortages in China, although experts expect the broad longer-term trend to continue. Mr. Zhai said installed capacity of wind, solar, water and biomass also ranked first in the world, as did the size of the carbon trading market.

Growth of EV market

Since 2005, he noted, proportion of coal in energy consumption had dropped from 72.4% in 2005 to 56% last year, when the proportion of non-fossil fuel energy consumption reached 16.6%.

The rapid growth of China's electric vehicle market, now the world's biggest, has perhaps been the clearest indicator of its green ambitions, with domestic brands now occupying four of the top five positions in sales and eyeing global markets. The only foreign brand in the top five in domestic sales is Tesla, while home-grown BYD is the biggest.

Last year, according to the International Energy Agency, electric car sales in China tripled to 3.3 million, accounting for half the global total, a rise that the agency attributed to the median price of an electric car in China being only 10% more than that of conventional offerings compared with 45% to 50% in other markets, mostly due to state policy support.

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2. Bids must be submitted on "online" on or before **01.11.2022 by 17.00 hours.**
3. Bids shall be opened at **11.00 hours on 02.11.2022** in the office of the undersigned in the presence of the bidders or their authorized agents.
4. Other details will be available in the web site **tendersorissa.gov.in** .

Municipal Commissioner,
Rourkela Municipal Corporation
C-1429: OIPR-13131/11/0118/2223

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER,
SUBARNAREKHA & BUDHABALANGA BASIN, AT/PO:- LAXMIPOSI, DIST:-MAYURBHANJ.
Government of Odisha "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No.- 13 /22-23 of CEBM, SBB, Laxmiposi

i.	Name of Work	:	Excavation of Dahisahi Distributary from RD 8,000m. to RD 9210m. and its system including Cement concrete lining, Service road and its Structures
ii.	Estimated Cost	:	Rs.4553.57 Lakh
iii.	Period of Completion	:	24 (Twenty-four) Calendar Months
iv.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	:	28.10.2022 at 10.00 AM
v.	Last date / time for receipt of bid in the portal	:	19.11.2022 up to 5.00 PM
vi.	Name & Address of the O.I.T.	:	Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, O/o the CE&BM, Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi, Mayurbhanj

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal **"https://tendersodisha.gov.in"** .
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi,Mayurbhanj. cebmsbb2019@gmail.com
A-637: OIPR-32429/11/0016/2223

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR
AT/PO - NAYABAZAR, CUTTACK - 753004, Tel No. 0671-2444488,
Email - serw_kpd@yahoo.com
No:- Tender Online RCK - 28/22 Letter No.- 2620 / Date:- 20.10.2022
e - Procurement NOTICE

1. Name of the Work : Building Works in the district of Kendrapara-Jajpur for the year 2022-23.
2. Class of Contractor : As specified in the Column-5 of the Annexure.
3. Time for Completion : As Specified in the Column - 6 of the Annexure.
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Date & Time of opening of tender Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur	Tender Online RCK- 28/22	31.10.2022 at 11.30 A.M.	15.11.2022 to 05.00 P.M.	14.11.2022 up to 02.00 P.M.	16.11.2022 at 11.30 A.M.	Will be intimated later on

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur
O-1164: OIPR-25129/11/0032/2223

INBRIEF

KVB Q2 net profit rises 52% to ₹250 crore on interest margin

Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.'s (KVB) standalone second-quarter net profit rose 52% to ₹250 crore on account of higher net interest margin and a drop in non-performing assets (NPAs). Net interest income grew 21% to ₹821 crore while net interest margin improved to 4.07% from 3.74%. Gross NPAs slid to 3.97% (₹2,457 crore) compared with 7.38% (₹3,972 crore). Net NPAs dropped to 1.36% (₹819 crore) from 2.99% (₹1,538 crore).

Shanthi Gears Q2 net more than doubles to ₹16.60 crore

Shanthi Gears Ltd. (SGL), a subsidiary of Tube Investments of India Ltd. (TII), reported standalone net profit for the second quarter ended September more than doubled to ₹16.60 crore from the year-earlier period. Revenue from operations increased by 52% to ₹109 crore, the company said in a regulatory filing. SGL said it generated free cash flow of ₹11 crore, which was 68% of net profit. The gear maker said it had orders for ₹104 crore and the pending order book, as of September, stood at ₹270 crore.

Laurus Labs shares fall after firm trims revenue guidance

Laurus Labs said it is likely to achieve only 90% of the earlier $1 billion revenue guidance this fiscal, an update that saw the drugmaker's shares close 7.34% lower at ₹487.45 apiece on the BSE. Meanwhile, for the second quarter, Laurus's consolidated net profit increased more than 14% to ₹233.39 crore while revenue from operations grew almost 31% to ₹1,575.89 crore. The board of directors has declared an interim dividend of ₹0.80 per equity share of ₹2 each.

RIL Q2 net remains flat at ₹15,512 crore on volatility in O2C business

Revenue grows 32.4% to ₹2,53,497 crore with 'strong traction' in consumer businesses and on higher oil prices; Jio net profit climbs 27% while Reliance Retail sees record performance on 'strong revival' in footfalls

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) reported flat consolidated net profit at ₹15,512 crore for the second quarter on account of volatility in the Oil to Chemicals (O2C) business. Net profit came in at ₹15,479 crore a year earlier. Revenue grew 32.4% to ₹253,497 crore with 'strong traction' in the consumer businesses and on higher oil prices.

The company said the earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) in the O2C segment was impacted by weak downstream chemical margins and introduction of special additional excise duty, partially offset by firm transportation fuel margins.

Muted numbers: The O2C unit's performance reflects subdued demand, weak margin environment, says Ambani. REUTERS

Jio Platforms reported operating revenue (net of GST) of ₹24,275 crore, a growth of 22.7% compared with a year earlier, driven by an increase in average revenue per user (ARPU).

Jio subscriber base rises

Net profit climbed 26.9% to ₹4,729 crore. Net subscriber addition came to 7.7 million as gross additions totalled 32.7 million. Total customer base on September 30 was 427.6 million.

Reliance Jio's average data and voice consumption per user per month increased to 22.2 GB and 969 minutes, respectively.

Reliance Retail posted its best-ever revenue and profits, led by broad-based growth across consumption baskets. Gross revenue increased 43% to ₹64,920 crore. EBITDA reached a record ₹4,404 crore, reflecting 51% growth.

RIL CMD Mukesh D. Ambani pointed out that the retail business delivered 'record performance with strong' revival in footfalls, store additions and digital integration.

"Performance of our O2C business reflect subdued demand and weak margin environment across downstream chemical products... Segment performance was also impacted by the introduction of special additional excise duties during the quarter," Mr. Ambani said.

'Exporters defer sales of dollars for returns'

Reuters
MUMBAI

Exporters are holding back on dollar sales on hopes of a further slide in the rupee, eyeing a windfall as the local currency plumbs record lows.

The rupee breached the 83 per dollar mark on Wednesday and is expected to slide further to about 84.50 by the year-end.

Brokerages and bankers said they are advising exporter clients to either hedge less or not at all, as predicting rupee's eventual normal range has become difficult, while the only certainty was that it would decline.

"We are advising exporters to hedge only partially, about 15%-20% of their exposure," down from anything between 40%-60% during normal times, a treasury sales executive at a large private bank said.

A weaker rupee helps boost exporters' earnings. So with a steady fall seen ahead, they prefer to hold on to their dollars longer.

IDBI Bank Q2 net rises 46% to ₹828 crore, bad loans ease

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

IDBI Bank on Friday reported a 46% rise in second-quarter net profit to ₹828 crore.

Total income rose to ₹6,065.51 crore, from ₹5,129.92 crore a year earlier, the bank said in a filing.

Asset quality improved with gross non-performing assets ratio declining to 16.5%, from 21.9%.

Reconsider iron, steel export duty: EEPC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Engineering exporters have urged the Centre to rethink the 15% export duty imposed this May on iron and steel products, arguing it was the most critical factor behind shrinking shipments in recent months and could pose a challenge in meeting this year's export targets.

Exports from the sector have grown just 1.15% in the first half of FY23 to cross $55 billion, a little more than 43% of the $127 billion target set by the government. "Our exports have been on a downward trend and declined 10.85% in September, which can be majorly explained by the falling steel exports," said Engineering Exports Promotion Council (EEPC) India chairman Arun Kumar Garodia.

Iron and steel exports dropped more than 60% in September and had shrunk about 30% since April, he said, asserting this was a 'direct result' of the duty.

Jet's new owner must clear provident fund, gratuity dues: NCLAT

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Insolvency appellate tribunal NCLAT on Friday directed Jet Airways' new owner – Jalan-Kalrock consortium – to pay the provident fund (PF) and gratuity dues of employees of the carrier, which plans to restart its operations.

It has directed the former resolution professional to "compute the payments to be made to workmen and employees within one month from today" and communicate the same to the Jalan-Kalrock consortium to take steps for payment.

Allowing a batch of petitions filed by the associations of workmen, Aircraft Maintenance Engineers, Officers and Staff Association and others, a two-member NCLAT bench had asked the new owner to make payment of provident fund dues as admitted by the resolution professional.

HUL Q2 net climbs 22% to ₹2,670 crore on better margins

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Hindustan Unilever Ltd.'s (HUL) second-quarter net profit grew 22% to ₹2,670 crore on account of better margins and market-share growth in 75% of its product portfolio.

Total sales rose 16% to ₹14,896 crore, HUL said.

"We continue to manage our business dynamically driving savings harder across all lines of P&L, investing competitively behind our brands and ensuring right price-value equation," HUL said. The board has declared an interim dividend of ₹17 a share.

"Building on our strong momentum, we have delivered yet another quarter of solid all-round performance," said CEO and MD Sanjiv Mehta. "In H1 2022-23 we have added an incremental turnover of more than ₹4,000 crore."

'Inflation is an issue'

He said the demand environment remained challenging with inflation impacting consumption.

However, with softening in some commodities and steps taken by the government, HUL was cautiously optimistic in the near-term. "We will manage business with agility whilst maintaining margins in a healthy range," he added.

Rane Madras Q2 net surges 87% on strong demand

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Rane Madras Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the second quarter surged 87% following strong demand across vehicle segments and export orders.

Revenue from operations rose 30% to ₹537 crore, the manufacturer of steering and suspension products said in a filing.

"The demand environment remains strong with the ongoing festive season," said L. Ganesh, chairman, Rane Group. "However, we remain cautious given the global economic situation and tightening monetary policy."

OPEC+ eyeing stable market via oil-output cut: Saudi Minister

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

OPEC kingpin Saudi Arabia defended the oil cartel and its partners' decision to cut crude oil production, saying they were doing the right job to ensure a stable and sustainable market.

OPEC+ earlier this month decided to cut crude oil production quota by two million barrels a day, starting November, to prop up sagging oil prices.

Saudi Arabia, which co-chairs the OPEC+ alliance with Russia, has been under fire from the U.S. for the output cut at a time when many forecasters are expecting oil demand to rise. OPEC+ "is doing the right job to ensure stable and sustainable oil markets", said Saudi Energy Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman. Since the OPEC+ decision on October 5, dated Brent peaked at $98.775 per barrel on October 7.

Abdulaziz bin Salman

ADIA, KKR, 2 others to buy ₹4,040 cr. of stakes in UPL

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Agrochemical major UPL on Friday announced a strategic corporate realignment in which ADIA, Brookfield, KKR and TPG will separately invest ₹4,040 crore ($500 million) for minority stakes in the company's pure-play business platforms.

These investments are independent transactions for which separate agreements have been agreed pursuant to negotiations between each of the investors and UPL, the firm said.

The corporate realignment exercise is expected to complete in 45-90 days.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	59,307	0.18
US Dollar	82.88	-0.10
Gold	50,139	-0.74
Brent oil	92.28	-1.28

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3311.90	-45.20
Adani Ports	801.65	-18.40
Apollo Hosp	4389.05	66.55
Asian Paints	3092.40	-48.50
Axis Bank	900.40	74.55
Bajaj Auto	3668.60	-23.25
Bajaj Finserv	1684.45	-41.25
Bajaj Finance	7192.75	-239.65
Bharti Airtel	797.45	4.55
BPCL	298.35	1.25
Britannia Ind	3792.70	2.55
Cipla	1134.75	-2.05
Coal India	238.70	-2.30
Divis Lab	3571.40	-80.50
Dr Reddys Lab	4330.80	-18.25
Eicher Motors	3629.50	-21.65
Grasim Ind	1677.05	-11.90
HCL Tech	1027.20	9.80
HDFC	2349.90	-19.30
HDFC Bank	1438.60	-10.20
HDFC Life	541.95	4.75
Hero MotoCorp	2569.85	4.30
Hindalco	393.75	-1.45
Hind Unilever	2653.90	53.00
ICICI Bank	907.15	18.50
IndusInd Bank	1142.25	-17.70
Infosys	1500.50	-0.40
ITC	345.60	-4.10
JSW Steel	622.05	-6.35
Kotak Bank	1902.65	39.10
L&T	1876.75	-27.40
M&M	1256.75	6.75
Maruti Suzuki	8703.30	-4.10
NestleIndia	20294.95	233.85
NTPC	165.05	-1.90
ONGC	131.55	1.95
PowerGrid Corp	217.30	-0.20
Reliance Ind	2471.60	-29.00
SBI Life	1246.35	23.40
State Bank	560.85	5.45
Sun Pharma	977.70	-2.65
TataConsumerProduct	761.65	-9.05
Tata Motors	398.05	-0.05
Tata Steel	100.20	-0.70
TCS	3137.40	-19.90
Tech Mahindra	1041.15	-0.50
Titan	2665.65	34.15
UltraTech Cement	6362.90	60.60
UPL	700.20	-13.30
Wipro	382.55	1.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 21

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.48	82.8
Euro	80.1	80.44
British Pound	91.37	91.73
Japanese Yen (100)	54.33	54.54
Chinese Yuan	11.38	11.42
Swiss Franc	81.32	81.64
Singapore Dollar	57.63	57.87
Canadian Dollar	59.54	59.79
Malaysian Ringitt	17.4	17.48
Australian Dollar	51.27	51.52

Source:Indian Bank

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Ph: 080-23295623, e-mail: ddehospital-hfws@karnataka.gov.in

No.: e-H/Sakala Programme/32/2019-20 (e-663916) Date : 20.10.2022

Walk-In-Interview

The Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services invites suitable interested candidates for the Walk-in-Interview to the following post.

The post is temporary and purely on contractual basis upto **31.03.2023.** It may be continued as per requirement of the Department. The interested candidates should bring all the original documents along with one set of self-attested photocopy of certificates (Marks Card), passport size photograph and valid identity proof. The interested candidates shall register their name on **31.10.2022 between 10.00 am to 10.30 am** for the respective post mentioned below:

1) Post: **Sakala Consultant.** Number of vacancies: **01**. Salary: Rs.25,000/-. Qualification: **Any Degree** (BA, BSc, B.Com), Experience : **Fresh Graduates.** Date, time & Location of Walk-in-interview: **31.10.2022 at 10.00 AM.** Location: **Meeting Hall, 3rd Floor, Directorate of Health and FW Services, Arogya Soudha, Bengaluru.**

For additional details regarding the post, please visit: **https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/hfw**

Sd/- Director
Health & Family Welfare Services

DIPR/CP/2763/BCPL /2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/7165-66/22-23 Date: 21.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/22-23/EPR-44 Dtd:21.10.2022 for the work of Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 31.5 MVA, 66/11 kV, Victory make, Sl. No.4-0012/5 year of manufacture 2009 Lying at 66/11 kV Prestige Shanthiniketan Substation on total turnkey basis.

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in with hyperlink 'e-Procurement-KPTCL' or to https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 25.10.2022.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl., Transmission (Maintenance), BMAZ South Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru-560009, PH-Fax : 22386686-85

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests,
BBMP Head Office, Ground Floor, Annex-3 Building,
N. R. Square, Bengaluru-02.

No. DCF/TENDER/03/2022-23 Date: 21.10.2022

Tender Notification (2nd Call)

Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike invites tender for Raising and maintenance of Plantation during 2022-23 and maintenance of plantation during 2023-24, 2024-25 from eligible bidders for the following:

Sl. No.	Work Name	Work Value (Rs)	EMD (In Rs.)
1.	Raising and maintenance of monsoon plantation in BBMP Mahadevapura Zone, Block-1 7500 Plants During 2022-23 and maintenance of plants during the year 2023-24 & 2024-25. **Reservation:** Other	7255000	145100
2.	Raising and maintenance of monsoon plantation in BBMP R.R.Nagara Zone, Block-1 8000 Plants During 2022-23 and maintenance of plants during the year 2023-24 & 2024-25. **Reservation:** Other	7800000	156000

Time Schedule : 1) Date of Commencement : From 21.10.2022. 2) Last date and time for uploading online queries in E-Procurement : up to 25.10.2022 5.00 PM.3) Date and Time of Pre-Bid meeting: 27.10.2022 at 4.30 PM at the above address. 4) Last date and time for uploading of tenders : up to 04.11.2022 at 4.00 PM 5) Date and Time of Online opening of tender: 05.11.2022 at 5.30 PM.

Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Deputy Conservator of Forests

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division,
BBMP Office Building, Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru.

No: EE/PN/TEND/14/2022-23 Date: 21-10-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, BBMP invites tenders on item rate basis for the works detailed below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

(Standard Bid Documents - KW-1/2)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Renovation and Repairings of Namma Clinic in P & T Colony, Venkateshpuram, Opp. Varasiddi Vinayaka Temple, Bengaluru in Ward No. 75, Kushalanagar (Old Ward No. 31)	**338741.00**	**8469.00**
2	Renovation and Repairings of Namma Clinic L.R. Bande, BBMP Ward Office Building, K.B. Sandra, Bengaluru in Ward No. 74, Kavalbyrasandra (Old Ward No.32)	**484798.00**	**12120.00**
3	Renovation and Repairings of Namma Clinic in No. 42, D.J. Halli, Munimarappa Block, D.J. Halli, Bengaluru in Ward No. 76, Muneshwaranagar (Old Ward No.48)	**329325.00**	**8818.00**
4	Renovation and Repairings of Namma Clinic in Old BSA Road, Dispensary at Periyar Circle, Sagayapuram, Bengaluru in Ward No.79, Sagayapuram (Old Ward No. 60)	**598251.00**	**14956.00**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 29-10-2022. 2)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is **14-11-2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Date of Opening of Tenders is on **16-11-2022 by 11.00 Hrs. (If possible).** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, BBMP.

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Organic and unconventional

Curved doors and windows, egg-shaped entries and vents, stone pillars in the living room... architect Jaisim Krishna Rao's residential project Banni is a stunner, says **Nandhini Sundar**

DESIGN

Stylish, unusual creations include roof dropping down to become a porous wall for the library. customised clay pots, and the sun-lit courtyard.

When it comes to out-of-the-box thinking and coming up with forms that defy conventional definition, architect Prof. Jaisim Krishna Rao of Jaisim Fountainhead certainly stands out to make his mark.

His residential project, Banni, stands testimony to his unpredictable thought process and design inclinations.

Built to resonate with the context, the 5,100 sq. feet residence spans three levels, the structural form flowing freely, indefinably to connect visually, both within the interiors as well as the exteriors.

The materials, sourced locally, further integrate the unique indefinable structural form to the existing landscape.

The site, situated in a large farmland, affords beautiful views of faraway hills, refreshing greens with moderate undulations in the topography that further lend interest in the lay of the spaces.

While the structure tunes to the undulated site and resonates with the context, the interiors are designed to facilitate the functional needs of a varied age group.

Questioning conventionality

Interestingly, the residence raises the fundamental question of why a design should follow conventional norms.

For instance, walls do not end at a point conventionally accepted. Likewise, the roof spreads over to become a wall on the other side.

Windows and doors defy the conventionally accepted shapes with even the presence of shutters to shield against weather being questioned.

Thus, doors and windows are not linear but curved, the egg-shaped entries and vents redefining the concept of entry and ventilation.

The recessed windows display an absence of shutters with only a double mesh and walls shielding from the weather.

Similarly, shutters for doors prevail only where privacy and security are solicited. The custom-made locks and hinges likewise stand out for their unique design that is non-conforming.

Free flowing and indefinable

Given the size of the site, the structure could have been planned to spread horizontally. Yet Jaisim chose to spread it over multi-levels, each level visually connected through the central sky-lit courtyard. Interestingly, the sprawling residence accommodates only two bedrooms with the rest of the spaces designed to be public, yet interconnecting.

The structure begins below ground level with a free flowing living, dining and kitchen, teamed with a large waterbody that serves as the receptor for rainwater runoff from the roof of the residence.

The presence of water along with the large vents ensures the interiors are naturally cooled, with the hot air easing out through the central courtyard.

A large gathering area connects with this public segment of the residence, permitting ample room for entertainment. Four stone pillars mark the living area, the rocks sourced from the site.

What stands out in this structural form is the MS pipes fitted into these pillars do not support the roof but pierce through it.

"The stone pillars and the MS pipes prevail to support the floating library featuring over the double height living space", explains architect Shruti Vedavyas who worked on the design with Jaisim.

"The floor of the library is MS and wood. The MS roof of the library flows down organically to meet the ground to form a perforated wall for the library area, bringing in a seamless interior exterior connect for the library", adds Shruti, explaining the artistic, indefinable structural form of the roof that proceeds to become a wall.

Waterproofing

The framed, load bearing structure is built with locally available burnt bricks and placed on a large PCC bed with no conventional foundation.

"The layer of PCC, flanked by canal liners, waterproofs the footprint of the building. The canal liners begin from the bottom of the structure and go up to ground level and above. This ensures the seepage if any will enable the water to travel along the canal liners and flow out at ground level without permeating the structure", explains Shruti.

Challenges posed

When the structure is totally free flowing with an organic form of the roof that comes with a double curve, the centring for the building becomes a challenge, points out Shruti. "The roof begins a little above ground level on one side, moving up to almost two floors on the other. This meant that the reinforcement used would need to be bent and laid at that height to be in tune with the design. This created a significant execution challenge."

Thermal comfort

While the MS roof brings in the organic form to one section of the structure, the flat portion of the building comes with a filler slab concrete roof with custom-made clay pots and clay vents placed to serve as hot air vents.

Along with these hot air vents, the central courtyard fuses in a heat extractor that sucks out hot air to keep the interiors naturally cool through the year.

This along with the strategic placement of the waterbody ensures the internal ambient temperature drops by several notches.

Interestingly, the presence of clay vents, besides offering thermal comfort, also create an artistic play of light in the interiors as the sun moves through the day.

The fabricated roof over the courtyard also comes with a certain level of massing to reduce the heat ingress as too much infusion of sunlight can make the interiors uncomfortably warm.

"The masked openings of the roof permit glimpses of the sky instead of a total expanse."

Flooring

Besides the unconventional structural form, the interiors reveal a revisit of traditional residences of Karnataka, floored as they are in natural stone of Jaisalmer, Kota, Chappadi, along with red oxide and timber planks. Further, built-in stone, cement and timber seating feature in the living spaces, with bedrooms displaying similar leanings.

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